

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON

EASTON UNITES CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

SEPTEMBER 23, 2001



**WE MUST NEVER FORGET
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

Easton Unites

September 23, 2001

On September 23, 2001, the Town of Easton came together in an unprecedented manner to memorialize the events of September 11, 2001. "Easton Unites" gathered an estimated 5,000 citizens at Muscato Stadium to hear music, prayers and speeches, reminding us of the values we share as Americans, and helping us to attempt some understanding of the tragedy which had struck our home. Printed on the following pages are two of the comments and prayers offered that night.

In reflecting on these thoughts, it is our hope that future generations will remember September 11, 2001 not as a time of loss, but as a time of recommitment to the values and ideals that bind us as a people.

A 70-year-old former paratrooper enters an armed forces recruiting office in Boston and tries to enlist. He wants to serve his country – again.

A man returns home from work and is greeted by his daughters. They ask, “Daddy, where can we give blood?”

A fire truck moves over a road in Central Park in New York City and spontaneously people cheer – waving, clapping, pumping their fists in the air; those who had been sitting on benches or lying on the grass, get to their feet and applaud. A wave of emotion, appreciation sweeps the park.

It is as if the firefighters are either heroes returning from war or the New York Yankees after winning the World Series.

A man works for 20 hours straight in the smoldering rubble of lower Manhattan – trying to find people, to save lives. And we learn he has a brother who is missing.

In Bedford Stuyvesant High School, a few blocks from the World Trade Center, a woman works almost around the clock, delivering food and other supplies to rescue workers. She says, “I’ll stay here until they throw me out or until I pass out.”

For the first time in too many years, America discovers that what is truly courageous and inspirational are not movie or rock stars, not professional athletes, not investment bankers or writers of pop fiction – but rather those who are closer to home: police officers, firefighters, construction engineers, medics, nurses, bulldozer and crane operators, soldiers – doctors.

What did the forces of evil hope to achieve? What did those who – in a wicked act of deception – misuse a great religion and holy teachings, think would happen when they offered up thousands of innocents for their diabolical cause?

What were they thinking?

I’ll tell you that the evil-doers thought that this nation, so accustomed to good times and good living, which so often comes up short in honoring its credo of being “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all,” was weak.

They thought our freedom and diversity a hindrance – that our people so often quarrelsome among ourselves – that this nation of nations, this nation of Christian, Hindu, Jew, Moslem, Buddhist, Confusion, Shinto, atheist, and agnostic; this nation of black, white, red, yellow, and brown – that this United States of America was not really so united. And the evil-doers must have envisioned that their attack on us – all of us – would scare, divide, and cripple us.

I say to the evil-doers that they could not have been more mistaken. While you killed so many and ruined so many families and so many lives – the United States of America merely stumbled. And, it seems within minutes of understanding the nature of your monstrous crime – in some sort of extraordinary irony that you may not ever begin to understand – we again found our goodness, our humanity, our courage, our unity, our community, and our inextinguishable passion for liberty and justice for all.

And, I say to the evil-doers, the terrorists, that it will ultimately be this passion for liberty and justice that will be the undoing of your treachery. While it is undeniable that a desire for revenge still burns in many of our hearts – already, the great people who inhabit this great nation are realizing that we must go beyond this emotion and become better than the hatred, violence, and blood lust that motivates our enemy.

Don't misunderstand me. It is regrettable but – it seems – also inevitable that soon the valor, determination, and unparalleled efficiencies and firepower of our armed forces will be loosed on terrorism – and you can be sure that, to use the beautiful and haunting language of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, the “sword of justice will be terrible and swift.” But America truly despises having been brought to this. Our veterans and those presently serving in our military especially despise what soon, it appears, will need to be done. For it is they who most truly understand the obscenity of war and the lethal and destructive potential of which the armed forces of the United States are capable.

Yet no matter if war comes or does not come, this nation experiences a new birth of freedom. On September 15, 1963, a horrible act of terrorism – homegrown racist terrorism – killed four young girls when a bomb exploded in the basement of the 16th street Baptist church in Birmingham, Alabama. Nothing could be so evil and wicked. In his eulogy for the martyred girls of Birmingham, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. found occasion for hope and optimism amidst great suffering and sadness. From the pulpit, he said, “God still has a way of wringing good out of evil. History has proven over and over again that unmerited suffering is redemptive. The innocent blood of these little girls may well serve as the redemptive force that will bring new light to this dark city.”

I know that our people will wring good out of the evil of September 11, 2001 – that the extraordinary and unmerited suffering that we continue to feel will be redemptive – and that this suffering has already sparked the light that shines on the path that we travel to a stronger, greater, more unified, and more loving America – to truly being “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Ross Muscato
September 11, 2001

On September 11, 2001 a cowardly enemy struck us with the intent of driving a stake into the heart of America, to paralyze us with fear, and in our terror to turn us against one another and the world – he has failed.

Last night Chief Bates and I visited New York City and stood on the steps of what was once the World Trade Center. We smelled the smoke of fires still burning; saw the massive blocks of broken concrete and twisted steel; and we walked in the awful dust that covers the entire scene like a blanket of sorrowful snow.

I spoke with dozens of rescue workers - firemen, police officers, soldiers, and construction workers, and I told them they were not alone. I told them that all of us, the entire country, was with them. I told them that tonight in Easton, like thousands of other small American towns, we would come together to mourn our dead and honor the heroes of this tragedy, both living and dead.

Some of those heroes I spoke to asked that I say two things to you:

First, a “thank you.” Every song we sing tonight, every prayer we pray, every word we say – goes out to them in a great, mighty chorus of love and support and believe me this I could see in their eyes, they are, for that support, so grateful. And they said this too: “days from now, weeks from now, months and years from now, when the gulf of time and the immediacy of our lives separates us from these tragedies – do not forget.” Teach our children and our children’s children about what happened here.

I said the World Trade Center is a place of death. But more importantly it is a place of life. A place where the American spirit is being re-born. I can tell you, from seeing it, that in that City, in Washington DC, in a small field in Pennsylvania, all across America and right here in Easton, the American spirit burns hot and it burns bright enough to light the night.

In a few minutes you’ll see the burning light of that spirit, as you now feel it, light Easton’s night.

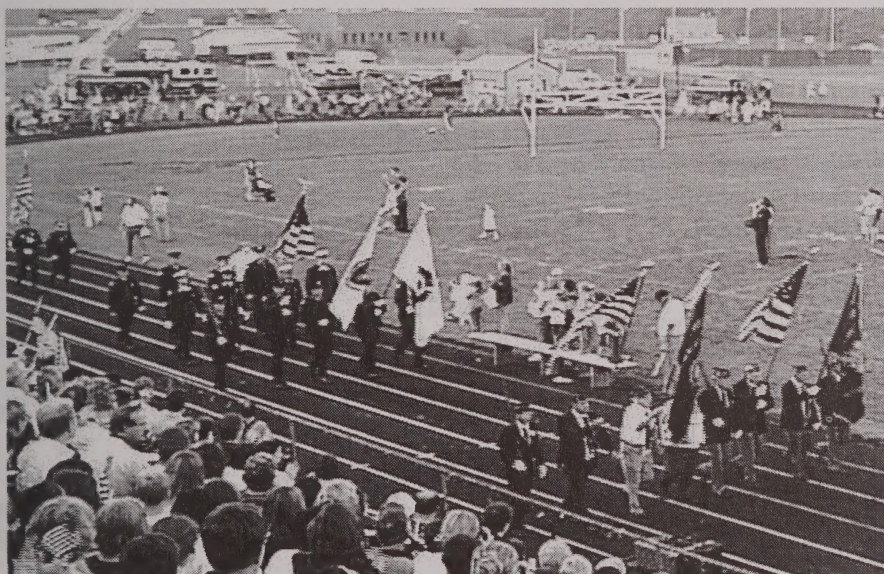
Here tonight we pray for our dead, we honor our heroes and we celebrate what makes us American - our compassion, our generosity, our liberty and our love of freedom - here tonight at Muscato Stadium, at Oliver Ames High School in Easton, Massachusetts in the re-united States of America.

Kevin Paicos
Town Administrator
September 23, 2001

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TOWN OF EASTON

Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	22,299 2000 Federal Census) 22,904 (2001 Town Census)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Total Assessed Valuation as of January 1, 2001	\$1,660,487,600
Town Meeting	Third Monday in May (The by-law regarding Annual Town Meeting was changed at the Special Town Meeting held on 6/4/01)
Town Election	Fourth Tuesday in April (The by-law regarding Annual Town Election was changed at the Special Town Meeting held on 10/30/00)

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON

United States Senators

John F. Kerry Edward M. Kennedy

Representatives in Congress

Ninth Congressional District (Pcts. 2A, 4, 5, 6) John Joseph Moakley, Boston (Deceased 5/01)
Stephen F. Lynch, Boston (Elected 10/16/01)
Fourth Congressional District (Pcts. 1, 2B, 3) Barney Frank, Newton

State Senators

Second Plymouth & Bristol District: (Pcts. 1, 2A&B, 4, 5) Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Brockton
Norfolk Bristol & Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 6) Jo Ann Sprague, Walpole

Representatives in General Court

Eleventh Plymouth District: (Pcts. 1, 2A, 4, 5) Geraldine Creedon, Brockton
Eighth Plymouth District: (Pcts. 2B, 3, 6) David L. Flynn, Bridgewater

Governor's Councillor

Second District Kelly A. Timilty, Canton

TOWN OF EASTON ELECTED OFFICERS:**MODERATOR**

Richard C. Dailey 2003

SELECTMEN

Carla A. Goodwin 2004

Jeffrey L. Tufts 2004

Leo R. Harlow 2003

Patricia E. Webster 2003

William D. Hardin 2002

ASSESSORS

Wallace M. Fulcher 2004

Shaun Fitzgerald 2003

Gerard S. Marsan 2002

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lennart K. Altieri 2004

Dawn Marie Boynton 2004

Ellen Barlow Boyajian 2003

William P. Braun 2002

Caroline S. O'Neill 2002

BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert J. Kane 2004

William Grimes 2003

David E. Gardner 2002

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sandra L. Conant 2006

June H. Brousseau 2005

Sylvia C. Gardner (State Member) 2004

Michael J. Malloy 2003

Daniel M. Crane 2002

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David W. Brown 2004

John J. Kent 2004

Heidi M. Churchill 2004

Irwin M. Cohen 2003

Mark A. Tuniewicz 2003

Allen R. Barron 2002

Robert L. Hicks 2002

Stuart R. Benton (Appointed) 2002

Mark S. Carpentier (Appointed) 2002

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ralph Armstead 2002

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator

Martha Leigh White, Asst. Town Administrator

Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant

Brackett & Lucas, Town Counsel

Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk

Esther C. Anderson, Town Clerk Emeritus

Jean A. Shearing, Assistant Town Clerk

Cynthia M. Curry, Treasurer and Collector

Patricia A. O'Donnell, Asst. Treasurer/Collector

Anne M. Carney, Assistant Assessor

Dolores M. Kent, Veterans Agt./Council on

Aging Director

Annalee M. Bundy, Library Exec. Director

Creighton G. Muscato, Recreation Director

Marc R. Rousseau, Town Planner

William J. Simmons, Ed. D., J.D., School Supt.

Judith M. Frederick, Ed. D., Assistant Supt.

Michael Green, Ed. D., Adm. Asst to Supt.

Wayne P. Southworth, DPW Director

Edward C. Jacobson, Supt. of Streets

John J. Marsh, Supt. of Water Division

Peter Huie, Town Engineer

Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Norman F. McNeil, Deputy Fire Chief

Stanley P. Bates, Jr., Police Chief

Allen R. Krajcik, Deputy Police Chief

John D. Melin, Animal Control Officer

Elizabeth J. DeRosa, Asst. Animal Control

Officer & Animal Inspector

D. Mark Trivett, Inspector of Buildings and
Zoning Enforcement Officer; Sealer of Weights
& Measures

Albert K. Greiner, Code Enforcement & Wiring
Inspector

John F. Amorim, Assistant Wiring Inspector

Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Barton R. Carlson, Asst. Plumbing & Gas

Inspector

Wade D. Saucier, Board of Health Director

John D. Melin, Animal Insp. and Milk Inspector

John A. Keach, Jr., Deputy Moderator

John F. Creedon, Deputy Moderator

Carla A. Goodwin, Deputy Moderator

CONSTABLES:

Robert Babineau	2004
Jerold Loomis.	2004
Harold L. March	2004
John Melin	2004
Phillip E. White	2004
Peter M. Buckley	2004
Richard K. Wheeler	2003
William E. Scharnick	2003
Jerome Zeidman	2003
James A. Carey	2002
Scott Crelease	2002
Michael Freeman	2002
John Hurley	2002
Margaret Carey	2002
Michael G. Bombas	2002
George A. Mather	2002
Elaine Mather	2002

**APPOINTED BOARDS AND
COMMITTEES:
(In Alphabetical Order)**

BOARD OF APPEALS

Steven H. Johnson	2006
Stephen A. Freitas	2005
Walter Mirrione	2004
Stephen Pinzari	2003
Brian T. O'Neill, Jr.	2002
Charles King, Alternate	2003
John Tupper, Alternate	2002

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David S. Wood, Jr.	2004
John E. McMorrow	2003
George Tyrrell	2003

CANOE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Philip Barske	2004
Wayne P. Southworth	2003
William D. Hardin	2002

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

Bruce Baker	2004
Michael J. Boyle	2003
Sharyn Katz	2002
Paul Dubois	2002
Wendy V. Nightingale	Town Accountant
William J. Meehan	Planning & Zoning Board
Heidi M. Churchill	Finance Committee

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Raymond Phillips	2004
John D. Melin	2003
John R. Howard	2002

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Patricia E. Somers	2004
Barry DunKley	2004
John E. Grant	2003
Gary A. Spurr	2003
Michael G. Sites	2002

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT
COMMITTEE**

Patricia F. Hunt	2004
James D. Mullen, Jr.	2003
Michael J. Boyle	2002
Creighton Muscato	2002
John E. Grant, Conservation Commission	
Stephen Torrey, Recreation Commission	
Christopher J. Kone, Planning & Zoning Board	
Edmund C. Hands, Historical Commission	
Daniel M. Crane (Housing Authority)	

COUNCIL ON AGING

Phyllis Kiessling	2004
Nicolina Previti	2004
Marie Healey	2003
Ethel Pomerleau	2003
Elizabeth A. Verity	2002
Francis H. Spillane	2002
Christine Quinn	2002
Dolores M. Kent, Director	

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Jennifer A. Edwards-Hawkins	2004
Susan P. Harrington	2004
William J. MacMullen	2004
Gary Twiraga	2004
Gino DelGuercio	2004
Sharyn Katz	2002

**EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL
ACCESS COMMITTEE**

Michael Deltano, Informational Systems Mgr.	
Christine E. Margulies	
Lewis N. Aries, Jr.	
Judith Canty	
Anne M. Carney, Data Processing Dept. Mgr.	

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

George L. Berdos, Jr.	2004
Elizabeth H. Verity	2004
Nicolina Previti	2003
Anthony Pires	2003

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

Kevin McIntyre	2003
Barbara Dolloff-Grattan	2003

FENCE VIEWERS

John A. Keach, Jr.
Robert L. Hicks
Frank Meninno

FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Philip Barske
Barry DunKley, Historical Commission
Paul Fruzzetti
Paul Marino, Jr.
Alan Roscoe
John Webby
Patricia E. Somers, Conservation Comm.

HANDICAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jean H. Cote	2004
Edward Jacobson, ADA Coordinator	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Gloria J. Stafford	2004
Barry R. DunKley	2004
Edmund C. Hands	2003
Robert Babineau	2003
John Ventresco	2003
Greg Galer	2002
Melanie-Jane L. DeWare	2002
Frank T. Meninno, Associate Member	

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Avery L. Williams	2004
John P. Horan	2003
Philip Barske	2002
Stephen A. Freitas, Board of Appeals	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Leo N. Turcotte	2003
Kenneth Carlson	2003
Richard L. Freitas	2002

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS

William M. Ames (C)	2004
Kathleen E. Boyle (T)	2004
Hazel L. Varella (T)	2004
Gloria J. Stafford (T)	2003
James S. Thomas (C)	2002
Gerard S. Marsan (C)	2002
Donna P. Richman (C)	2002
Alice B. McCarthy (T)	2002
Daniel Churchill (T)	2002

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS (CONT'D)

Annalee M. Bundy, Executive Director

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Paul Mullen	2004
Gail Tuominen	2004
Robert E. Langway, Jr.	2003
Henry P. Narsasian	2002
Kenneth Carlson	2002

OCES ELDER SERVICES

Elizabeth Verity, Board of Directors
Nicolina Previta, Board of Directors Alternate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative
Stephen Donahue, Delegate Alternate

OCPC AREA AGENCY ON AGING

<u>ADVISORY CTTE.</u>
Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wayne P. Southworth, Representative

PERMANENT LANDFILL COMMITTEE

Henry H. Mehler	2004
James J. Conceison	2004
Peter J. Downey	2003
Gil A. Heino	2003
Todd M. Heino	2002
Richard J. Harb, Associate Member	

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

William J. Meehan	2006
Colin W. Gillis	2005
Mark S. Bartlett	2004
Christine Santoro	2003
Christopher J. Kone	2002
Walter H. Johnson, Alternate	2002

RECREATION COMMISSION

Stephen Torrey	2004
Michael J. McDonald	2004
Charles H. Hammond	2003
Frank Spillane	2003
John McDonald	2002
Michael Carey	2002
Kathleen A. Endriunas	2002
Creighton G. Muscato, Director	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Jean H. Cote	2004
Albert W. Fleury	2003
Jean M. Kent	2002
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk	

SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Lennart K. Altieri	
Dawn Marie Boynton	
Judith E. Josephs	
Henry P. Narsasian	4/19/2003
Michael Carey	4/19/2003
Wallace Fulcher	4/19/2003
Mark Tuniewicz, Finance Committee	
Robert L. Hicks, Finance Committee	

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

Louis G. Silva

VETERAN'S AND MEMORIAL DAY

PARADE COMMITTEE

Alvin Smart, Commander VFW
Louis G. Silva
John Flynn
Ernest R. Camara
Daniel B. Amorim
Paul H. Tanner

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Howard Margulies
Daniel M. Crane
Mary Ellen Radovanic
Ronald Lawson
Kenneth Carlson
John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent

WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Shirley Tufts	2004
Eugene Packer	2003
James D. Mullen, Jr.	2002
Wayne P. Southworth, Water Superintendent & Local Water Resources Management Officer	

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

John F. Hurley, Chair
Chairman Board of Selectmen
Chairman School Committee
Commander George F. Schindler Post VFW
Commander George S. Shepard Post, A.L.
John D. Melin
Robert J. McLaughlin

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Easton:

In April, 2001, after the re-election of Carla Goodwin and Jeffrey Tufts, the Board was reorganized with William Hardin as Chairman and Jeffrey Tufts as Clerk.

On September 11, 2002 our nation suffered a devastating terrorist attack. Like all Americans, Easton's citizens were deeply affected. A number of neighborhood services and candlelight vigils were held, and demonstrations of patriotic spirit appeared at nearly every home. On September 23, the Town held its own remembrance at Muscato Stadium with over 5,000 Town residents in attendance. We listened to music and speeches, some of which are reprinted elsewhere in this year's Town Report. Most importantly, we listened to prayers offered by clergy representing every faith in Easton. We were reminded that in a time of terrible National anguish it is the combined strength of God's love and our own deep belief in our shared American values that will sustain us.

As is so often the case, from this terrible tragedy has emerged a new sense of our shared American heritage, and a new spirit of pride in our national values. It is an important lesson as we gird ourselves for the long war on terrorism to which we are now committed.

This has been an extremely busy and trying year for other reasons as well. The economic downturn, coupled with the effects of the Education Reform Act have been devastating for Easton. Our Police and Fire Departments are understaffed as is our Department of Public Works. Their equipment is aging. We've had no money for the Capital Budget for several years now. Our employees have worked with less and have continued to provide high quality service to our community.

Based upon the Board of Selectmen's recommendation, the last Annual Town Meeting passed an override contingent budget in an effort to maintain the same level of services that we had been receiving during the previous year. After the horrific events of September 11th, on September 15th, the election part of the override vote failed by a large margin. This mandated a severe cut in expenses.

We have worked with many different groups in cutting services to the Town based on available funding. As would be expected, the recommendation of one group can be opposite that of another group. We have worked to seek a compromise with reduced services that all can live with. Cutting budgets is never easy. The segment of the community served by the portion of the budget that has been cut are unhappy. Those that are not affected, are happy with the decision. We have tried to protect as much of the public safety and education budgets as possible.

A number of the studies and reports that were authorized by various Town Meetings have been presented to the Board of Selectmen for their study and their further recommendation back to Town Meeting for action.

The Landfill Audit Report was completed by Melanson Heath & Company, PC and presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Permanent Landfill Committee. A number of recommendations were brought forward for adoption by the Board. Some recommendations were put in place immediately, others are in process. Hopefully, by this Fall our landfill problems will be a memory of the past and a good lesson for the future.

The last of the surplus, outdated schools has been disposed of as per the vote of the Town Meeting. The proposed reuse of the former North Easton Grammar School will provide new tax revenue and much needed parking for the North Easton Village.

The Fire Study was presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Fire Study Committee. At this time there is no money to implement their proposals. The Board will continue to review their recommendations and consider the possibility of funding them via an override proposal to the voters.

The Library project continues to be delayed with various regulatory and court actions. Hopefully, all those procedures will soon be exhausted and the project will continue. The people of Easton deserve nothing less than the best library service available.

We continue to try to protect Easton's interests in dealing with the MBTA concerning commuter rail. The MBTA is not an easy organization to work with. With money being as tight as it is, the rail extension is not in the MBTA's budget this year.

The Board of Selectmen has appointed a Personnel Plan Review Committee. This Committee is currently meeting to review all labor contracts and personnel plans and will make recommendations in the future.

We are fortunate to have many dedicated citizens that volunteer to serve on the various Town boards, committees and other activities. Without their tireless efforts the quality of life in Easton would be greatly diminished. We offer to them our heartfelt thanks.

The backbone of any community is the employees. We are truly blessed in Easton to have outstanding employees. A number of our employees are known throughout the State, serving on State boards and professional committees. Many are asked to be speakers at conventions and workshops because of their expertise in their fields. Our thanks to all of them for a job well done.

Again this year, Easton was recognized as having the best safety program of any city or town in Massachusetts. We have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in insurance costs since this program was implemented by the Town Administrator ten years ago. Our thanks to him and the Executive Loss Control Committee for their leadership with this project.

This year the Smart Budget Dollars program has saved the Town over five hundred thousand dollars at a cost of less than five hundred dollars. Our thanks to Wayne Southworth, DPW Director, and his committee for their good work in finding ways to save money on our behalf.

A special thanks to Kevin Paicos, Town Administrator; Martha White, Assistant Town Administrator; Shelly Meehan, Executive Secretary; and Mary McCarthy, Administrative Secretary for their work this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Hardin, Chairman

FOR THE EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jeffrey Tufts, Clerk
Patricia Webster
Carla Goodwin
Leo Harlow

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the citizens and taxpayers of Easton

The following report is submitted herewith:

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the efficient and uniform administration of local tax laws regarding real estate and personal property valuation. The office values all property and maintains the assessment rolls for tax billing. Appeals regarding assessments are reviewed and decided by the Board. Exemptions for elderly, blind and disabled veterans are processed through this office. This office also assesses the motor vehicle excise tax and handles all inquiries regarding abatements. The Community Preservation Surcharge is assessed through this office and the Board makes decisions on exemptions to this surcharge. The office maintains current maps for assessment purposes and produces abutters' lists for public hearings by many departments. The Board prepares information for the Board of Selectmen regarding the public hearing on classification to decide whether to shift tax burdens amongst the various categories of property. The Board is responsible for submitting the recap sheet to the Department of Revenue for setting the tax rate.

The assessment date for fiscal year 2002 values was January 1, 2001. The Town now has 5,107 single-family homes, 1160 condominiums, 166 two-family homes and 21 three-family homes.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	\$ 1,631,971,100.00
Assessed Value of Personal Property	28,516,500.00
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	\$ 1,660,487,600.00

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	\$ 43,329,409.44
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc.Charges	522,389.50
State & County Charges	353,726.00
Overlay Account	298,769.99
Total Expenditures	\$ 44,504,294.93

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	\$ 11,279,806.00
Local Receipts	4,085,000.00
Offset Receipts	507,624.00
Enterprise Funds	2,421,314.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds	1,502,495.44
Total Receipts & Available Funds	\$ 19,796,239.44

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION \$ 24,708,055.49

Tax Rate = $24,796,239.44 / 1,660,487,600 \times 1000 = \$ 14.88$

A new member, Shaun Fitzgerald, was elected during 2001. He replaced John Keach who had served for thirty-seven years.

Significant Dates for Taxpayers and Citizens regarding the Assessors' Office:

January 1 st	Property Tax Assessment Date
February 1 st	Payment of third quarterly tax bill and deadline for accepting appeals. The only time taxpayers can appeal assessments due to overvaluation or disproportionate assessment is from the time the third actual bill is mailed in December through February 1 st
March 1 st	Date for submission of Forms of List. This is a listing of all business personal property and must be filed every year by anyone doing business in Town.
March	Exemption applications for elderly (over 70), blind persons, and disabled veterans with a rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time the actual tax bill is mailed the previous December. Applications are mailed in August to anyone currently qualifying. Community Preservation Act exemptions may be submitted anytime after July 1 st . Contact the office for exemption forms.
May 1 st	Payment of fourth quarterly tax bill.
August 1 st	Payment of the 1 st preliminary tax bill. Preliminary bills are based on one quarter of taxes from the previous fiscal year unless significant changes have taken place such as subdivision of land or new construction. New construction and subdivisions will be based on whatever is complete the previous January 1.
November 1 st	Payment of the 2 nd preliminary tax bill.
December	Setting of the tax rate and mailing of the third quarterly bill that is the actual tax bill for the current fiscal year.

Telephone Number for questions or information: 508-230-3416

GERARD S. MARSAN, CHAIRMAN
SHAUN FITZGERALD, VICE-CHAIRMAN
WALLY FULCHER, CLERK

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Calendar year 2001 was a year of wait and then hurry up for the Finance Committee. The Town's budget was delayed because the General Court enacted its budget, which sets state aid to cities and towns, in an untimely manner. The Town Administrator's proposal was for an override contingent budget, with which we concurred. We met with the heads of all town departments studying their budgets, individually as sub-committees and then as the whole committee. The offset receipt accounts, the enterprise fund, and all monetary warrant articles were also studied in detail.

In a precedent, the Committee held a public educational seminar on overrides, and the proposed "cut list," which was aired on cable television. The override failed by a wide margin on September 15. The Committee met eight times between then and a special town meeting, working to mitigate the necessary reductions in town services.

The Committee submitted a warrant article for the first time in at least fifteen years, which was voted by Town Meeting. This transferred about \$130,000.00 in idle funds to the Stabilization Fund.

A recession started in March, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research. The attacks on our country on September 11 further shook consumer confidence. The potential effect on state aid to cities and towns for Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003 could be serious. The recession may also reduce tax collections that could impact the Town's cash flow.

There were no Reserve Fund transfer requests during the calendar year.

The Committee is following continuing issues such as the Landfill and the accounting firm's examination. The problems with the Southeastern Regional School District are inequitable assessments between member communities and the overcharge of prior years assessments.

Dawn Marie Boynton resigned on May 7, 2001, following her election to the School Committee, after two years of service. Craig Gardner resigned on August 20, 2001, after serving for fourteen months. We thank both of them for their commitment to Easton and wish them well. Mark Tuniewicz was appointed in January, and was subsequently re-elected to a two-year term in the annual town election. David Brown, Heidi Churchill, and John Kent were re-elected to three-year terms. Stuart Benton was appointed to the Committee in July and Mark Carpentier in November. We welcome the new members to the Committee.

Heidi Churchill was elected president of the Association of Town Finance Committees in October, and Mark Tuniewicz was elected a director. Heidi is also a member of the board of the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Lee Harney resigned as our secretary, and Marie Graca was appointed in her place. We thank both of them for their commitment and dedication.

Members of the Finance Committee also serve on the committees listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Hicks, Chair
Allen R. Barron, Vice Chair
Irwin M. Cohen, Secretary
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School Planning Committee

Landfill Committee

Capital Improvement Planning and Fire
Study Committees

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School Planning Committee

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During 2001, the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on long-range plans to meet increased enrollment and space concerns. The events of September 11, 2001 certainly impacted the focus and direction of all school programs and activities, and brought the entire school community together in a spirit of cooperation, concern, remembrance and civic pride.

The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents and the community-at-large once again provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of Easton's students.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details which made up the lives of Easton's young people and adults during the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

During the 2001 school year, a number of staff changes were experienced by the school system. Retirements included Secondary Social Studies teacher Paul Keyes, Secondary World Languages teacher Mirella Cabral, Secondary Consumer Sciences teacher Pat DeLoughrey, Secondary Math teacher Jerri Smith, Secondary English teachers Pat Bailey and Charlene Howarth, Secondary Reading teacher Mary Arnberg, School Psychologist Dr. Brad Chase, Art Department Chair Judy Yankopoulos, Physical Education teacher Gloria Ferrandino, and Elementary teacher Connie Pozzo. Staff moving to other professional opportunities included Math teacher Mike Mongiat, Science teachers Bob Gordon, Ann Marie Burke and Rebecca Callahan, English teacher Dan Seiler, Guidance Counselor Darren Daone, SPED teachers Karen O'Neil, James Gallivan and Karen Fleury, Occupational Therapist Keith Kline, Reading teacher Lisa Farrell, and Elementary teachers Kaitlin McArdle, Rita Sudhalter, Amy MacMannis and Maria Magaldi.

The Easton schools and the Town of Easton will certainly miss the professionalism, love of children and dedication shown by those staff members who have left the school system during this period of change and transition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The class of 2001 was highly successful in reaching its goals. Approximately ninety-five percent enrolled in four-year colleges, junior colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Four percent elected to join the world of work, and one percent the military.

The class of 2001 also set a new record for accruing the largest financial aid total to date. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued their generosity by contributing to the many scholarships raised within the community.

While students continued to achieve well above state and national levels in the SATs, Advanced Placement test scores in English Language and Literature, United States History, and Calculus indicated that approximately 85 percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or above, thus entitling them to college credit. A number of high school students earned Commended Student status from the National Merit Scholarship competition.

More than twenty Easton students took advantage of dual enrollment opportunities at Bridgewater State and Massasoit in both the spring and fall semesters, while others were involved in coursework at Stonehill College for both high school and college credit. The Business and Technology Department's Shadow Program, improving career education, had ninety students shadow local employees in thirty-nine area companies for a day to learn about a previously selected occupation. Students were also involved during Business Week in Career Speaker Day, in which forty-eight speakers from a myriad of careers and occupations volunteered to meet with students, both in their classes and individually.

Several members of the high school chapter of Future Business Leaders of America received recognition in the state organization, including Janine Altieri as State Vice-President and Jonathan Sprague as State Treasurer. At the State level competition, Jenna Wilbur placed first in English, Elizabeth Aldrich placed first in Accounting II, and Jonathan Sprague placed first in Computer Applications.

High school and junior high school students were involved in three days of intensive training in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. The program is in its ninth year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving peer issues and conflicts.

At the junior high school, Peer Assistant Leaders continued to provide assistance for students new to the building. In addition to providing information to grade 6 students at the Olmsted and Richardson schools, students assisted at all afternoon and evening functions held at the junior high school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed new members into the Society and undertook a number of community service projects, including the NRT Harvest Fair, the Holiday Festival at the Rockery, the Lions Club Auction, the Center School Halloween Parade, and tutoring students after school.

An outgrowth of this involvement at the junior high school was the student organization, HANDS, through which Easton students dedicated themselves to promoting tolerance and respect for others, and focused on ways to help achieve a non-discriminatory society. One such way was the continuation of the Facing History and Ourselves program, an interdisciplinary focus of study at each junior high school grade level. Also at the junior high school, the guidance staff worked closely with HUGS II in coordinating after-school programs that included enrichment as well as entertainment for junior high school students. Programs offered included sports activities, and a homework club, Spanish club, videography club and computer club. A late bus for students was also made available.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. High school students gained recognition at the annual state-wide Boston Globe Art Awards. At the junior high level, many students participated in the SMARTS Touring Art Exhibit, John Her received a Silver Key Award at the Boston Globe Art Show, and Jessica Harrington came in second in the State in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Elementary students had their art work recognized through the Boston Flower Show and the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Student work was also exhibited at many locations throughout the year, including the high school's alumni art gallery, the art hallway in the high school, the Central Administration office, the "Welcome Mat" mural in the high school, the Easton Water Department, the Fuller Art Museum, the

Easton Marketplace, the Brockton Art Center, the Attleboro Art Museum, the Transportation Building in Boston, Stonehill College, and the Wang Center.

In Music, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard, under the direction of Steve Conant, captured the State Championship in Division I in the MICCA competition, while the Oliver Ames Jazz Band and the Easton Junior High School Jazz Band both won Silver Medals at the IAJE State Finals. The OAHS Show Choir, Panache, was chosen Grand Champion for the fifth year in a row at the Eastern Show Choir Festival, receiving top honors in Choreography, Show and Vocals. The 2001 OAHS musical production of "Brigadoon" was directed by Mrs. Dalrymple and assisted by Mike Steers and proved to be an outstanding endeavor. The Easton Junior High School Band, Orchestra and Chorus earned Platinum Medal ratings and the Jazz Band and Show Choir earned Gold Medals at the Great East Music Festival. Katie Cooke, Russell Champion, Chet Millett, Robert Mezzanotte and Ben Farrell participated in the 2001 All-State Festival, while David Good and Ben Farrell were chosen to perform in Lions Club All-State Band. TEMPO continued to provide much financial and emotional support.

At the elementary level, the annual spring concert was held in late May at the Olmsted/Richardson schools, and featured the combined Olmsted and Richardson fifth grade chorus, sixth grade chorus, orchestra, chamber orchestra, jazz band, the show choir ("Spotlight") under Mrs. Porter, and the concert band. In April, seventy students in grades 3 to 6 under Mrs. Porter's direction provided the voices for this year's Brockton Symphony Orchestra's "Classics for Kids Concert." End-of-the-year musical programs were also performed in each of the three primary schools under the direction of Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Hedrick.

In Social Studies, students were involved in Community Service, the Washington, D.C. Close-Up Program, Student Government Day, the Academic Bowl Team, the Mock Trial program at both the high school and junior high school levels, National History Day for Grade 8 students, the two day Hockomock Senate held in Easton, the Lions Club Speech Competition, and the Pvt. George F. Schindler Post of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest. High school students were also involved for the first time in producing videos for entry into the Easton Film Festival. The National Geography Bee for grades seven and eight was once again held, and this year's school representative was Christopher Maggio, who went on to finish fifth in the State competition. Also, Matt Ciborowski of grade nine made an excellent showing in the historical paper category during National History Day activities, and fifteen grade 7 students were nominated as outstanding students to the United States Achievement Academy.

The Foreign Language Department continued its exchange initiative with Forges-les-Eaux, France, as a group of students from Oliver Ames High School participated in the fifteenth year of an exchange with Lycee Delamare. The high school participated in a second exchange program in September, by hosting a group of students from Spain. A group of junior high school students also toured Quebec City, Canada during the summer, where the students visited and experienced first hand the culture of French Canada.

In Family and Consumer Sciences, students baked cookies for the Easton Firefighters annual children's party, quilted baby quilts for donation to needy children, donated handsewn cloth dolls to the Boston Medical Center pediatric ward as part of the "Sixth Annual Doll Project" sponsored by the hospital, cooked holiday meals for elderly citizens involved with the Council of Aging, prepared refreshments for the Science Fair, altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, and sponsored outdoor barbeques for the three junior high school classes. Students in the Early Childhood Education Tech Prep Program were involved in numerous activities with the P.A.L. preschool children, including

programs to build parenting skills, fire safety units, and cooperative initiatives with the H.U.G.S. organization.

In the English Department, students focused on writing assignments from other disciplines in addition to those assigned by their English teachers, and incorporated the use of technology into instructional lessons, media enhancement and power point presentations. Grade 7 and 8 students researched interdisciplinary units related to apartheid and bridging America, and Samantha Morris won first prize in the junior high school poetry contest. Grade 9 students worked on interdisciplinary units with the social studies classes on the French Revolution, and presented scenes from Romeo and Juliet. Sophomores prepared for the rigors of the writing requirements of the MCAS exam, and researched poets for their own poetry books and presentations. Students in grades 11 completed a Native American Project, and visited American landmarks throughout Massachusetts with a culminating activity at the Sheep Pasture in Easton. Twelfth grade students wrote, directed and produced segments of original work, and had the opportunity to view a showing of and to then study Hamlet.

In Physical Education, participation was excellent in the high school interclass volleyball tournament and the faculty/student volleyball and wiffleball competitions. The two secondary schools also incorporated the heart rate monitor technology initiative into the Physical Education program. The junior high school ran two golf tournaments for the students. Also, approximately five hundred students took part in the junior high school's "Muscato Mile" in the spring. The elementary schools sponsored a very successful "Jump Rope for the Heart Association" fundraiser, and individual school track meets and spring field days brought together the student, staff and parent volunteer communities.

Mathematics students in both secondary schools scored well above the norm in the state mandated MCAS exam. The new department head, Ed Weiner, coordinated the MCAS after-school program. All thirteen students in Mrs. Boyle's AP Calculus class received a score of 3 or higher to qualify for college credits, an extraordinary accomplishment. Also, the Math Team at the junior high school received a first-place certificate in recognition of their outstanding success, with Matt Ciborowski the highest scoring student.

Secondary science students earned college credit by participating in the MCET Satellite interactive program through the University of Massachusetts. Grade nine students participated in the annual state Envirothon and collected awards in several categories, while grade ten students participated in plant projects as part of the Annual Science Fair. Grade eleven students again took part in a Chemistry Olympiad, with the culminating event, a chemistry bowl, held the evening of the science fair. Grade twelve students worked in teams in a number of areas, including comparative anatomy, medical technology, and robotics design.

The following Industrial Technology students received personal recognition for their craftsmanship and work ethic: Architectural and Building Engineering - Michael Begley; Automotive Technology - Tony DiCarlo; Auto Body Technology - Brian Chaicchieri; Building Construction and Cabinetmaking - Greg Glavin; Manufacturing Design Technology - Jonathan Pitts; Manufacturing Technology - Neil Audet; Manufacturing Engineering Technology - Ian Hudson; Interior Design Technology - Neil Keller; and, Marine Technology - Scott White.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the "Jump Rope for Heart" initiative, in memory of teacher Gary Hilmer; the Science Olympiad, through the coordination of the high school Science Team and Ellen Russell, Science Department Head; the Grade 5

Senior Citizen Day, facilitated by teacher Alicia Montross; the outstanding projects displayed in the elementary school invention conventions, with grade 5 winners including Amanda Eggert, Stephen Ivanoski, and Samantha Walker; the musical productions of "Dragon Tales," coordinated by teacher Carol Porter, and "Tall Tales and Heroes," coordinated by teacher Ginny Elson; the continued success shown in the New England Math League; the opportunity to participate in the grade 5 and 6 National Geography Bee, in which Ethan Frigon was the first place winner; participation in the Johns Hopkins Talent Search, in which Alexander Margarite was recognized; the accomplishments of the Future Problem Solving Teams; student participation in the social competency programs; the DARE Program, the SAFE Fire Safety Program, the Northeast Search Dogs Program, the Read Across America Program, and the World of Difference curriculum; and, individual school programs for students such as student councils, poster contests, school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, artists-in-residence, reading incentive programs, family math, science and literacy nights, and citizen of the month recognition.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers in the elementary schools participated in workshops, mini-courses, and graduate courses on a number of topics, including the following: Microsoft Word; Creating a Web Site; Social Competency; American Red Cross Community CPR; First Aid and Safety; Mathematics for the New Millennium; Literacy in the Mathematics Classroom; Inspiration; Understanding Teaching I; Wilson Reading Level I Certification; Reading and the Brain; Mentor Teacher Training; Developmental Reading Assessment; Curriculum Theory; Literacy Strategies; Curriculum-Based Language Intervention; Differentiated Instruction; Standards-Based Math Instruction; and, Strategies for Teaching Open-Response Questions in Mathematics.

At the secondary level, professional development initiatives focused on a number of topics, including the following: NEAS&C Evaluation; Using Power Point for Classroom Presentations; Inspiration; Windows'98 & Microsoft Office; Understanding Teaching I; Mentor Teacher Training; Assessing Learning Styles; Strategies for Teaching Algebra; Strategies for Succeeding on the MCAS; Museums Across the Curriculum; Human Concerns in Schools; Curriculum Theory; Assessing Learning Styles; and, Curriculum Design and Implementation.

A major program initiative was continued to support beginning teachers. The formal Mentor Program was designed and implemented by a committee chaired by Marilyn Cunha and facilitated by Dr. Judith Frederick. Mentor teachers participated in graduate courses sponsored by the school system in collaboration with the Norwood Public Schools and the Easton Educators Association that were designed to assist them in their new roles.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT/ACTIVITIES

At the elementary school level, Dr. Theresa Davenport presented an after-school minicourse and an evening program for parents on behavior management, while Meri Schreiber and Peg Webb taught a minicourse for district teachers on word walls.

Louise Zamiara, Lynne Bazydlo, and Karen Lema of the Parkview School established a literacy corps of trained volunteers who work with students to increase literacy skills. Their model will be used across the district. Parkview School also published its first memory book, coordinated by staff members Karen Silverstein, Heather Willis, and Louise Zamiara.

Bob Smith, Moreau Hall Principal, and several members of his staff were invited to speak to Stonehill students to share their experiences in education, and in Easton in particular.

Chris Margulies and Austin Carey worked with staff members throughout the school district on professional development, the creation of technology and curriculum guides, the continuation of the technology club at the high school, technology troubleshooting in the various school buildings, and coordination of technology efforts in all seven Easton schools.

At the Center School, teacher Robin Presentato used a FEEE Grant to initiate a Literacy Volunteers program, and a number of other Center staff members pursued advanced training in the implementation of schoolwide strategies in the development of early literacy.

Gary Mazzola, Olmsted School Principal, conducted a summer science assessment institute for Easton staff. In addition, Mr. Mazzola worked with Olmsted teachers, as part of his doctoral dissertation requirement, on the use of consistent metacognitive strategies to increase student writing performance.

Alicia Montross, grade 5 Olmsted teacher, was awarded a matching grant from the Dunn Foundation to implement a design technology/problem solving initiative. She and her students created a new downtown Easton, as part of the program sponsored by the Boston Society of Architects. Meghan Williams, also of the Olmsted staff, was awarded a Notable Achievement Award from Parent's Magazine for her web-page design.

Michelle McParland and Cindy Hall of the Richardson School staff entered the second year of the implementation of the grade 3 and 4 looping model, while five other Richardson teachers continued their support of aspiring educators through their involvement with student teachers from Stonehill and Lesley College.

At the secondary level, Ed Weiner was chosen as the new Mathematics department head, after holding this leadership role for the Stoughton Public Schools.

Also at the secondary level, Wes Paul, the Oliver Ames Principal, coordinated and facilitated the highly successful and greatly appreciated "Operation Recognition World War II Class Commencement" for Oliver Ames students who left Oliver Ames for military service in World War II prior to the receipt of their high school diplomas.

Jane Hurley, Reading specialist at the junior high school, received her Masters Degree in Literacy from Providence College. Elaine Clement-Holbrook, secondary health teacher and women's varsity basketball coach, was inducted into the Bridgewater State College Athletic Hall of Fame. Margo Turcotte was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa Gamma educational honor society. Also at the junior high school, Science teachers Jim Fisher, Beth Young and Doug DePaulo worked on a committee to incorporate technology content into the science curriculum. This work led to the Technology/Engineering mini course which is now taught to grade 8 students.

In the Music Department, Steve Conant received his Masters Degree in Arts and Sciences from the University of Southern Oregon, part of the American Band College Program. He continued to perform with the Light Brigade Senior Drum and Bugle Corps. Charlene Dalrymple continued to direct the Chorus at Stonehill College, and was guest conductor for the Honors Choir Festival in Manassas, Virginia. Carol Porter led the Unity Treble Chorus at Unity Church in Easton and directed the Olmsted/Richardson production of "Dragon Tales" in May. David Chace played Euphonium in the Tri-County Band in Mattapoisett. Doug Anderson completed his twelfth year as Massachusetts Coordinator of the National High School Honors Orchestra, and served as guest conductor of the ASTA and NSOA

Camp at Amherst College. Mr. Anderson is a frequent soloist as a violinist and as a member of the Brockton Symphony Orchestra.

James Morrison of the Social Studies Department completed his course work for his Masters Degree in Education. Other members of the Social Studies Department were also active in a number of student activities. Bruce Field advised the Hockomock Senate Program, Ellen Simmons coordinated the Washington, D.C. Close-Up Program, Bryan McSheffrey coordinated the National History Day initiative and coached the junior high school Mock Trial team, and Ed Hands coached the high school's Mock Trial and Academic Bowl Teams. In addition, Mr. Field is again serving as President of the South Shore Council for Social Studies, and Mr. Hands serves on the Board of Directors of the South Shore Council, the Easton Historical Society, and is a member of the Easton Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Act Committee.

In the Business Department, Jean Churchill served as advisor to the Massachusetts FBLA organization, the LEO Club, and the American Technology Honors Society. Also, Wendy Lopriore served as facilitator of technology at the junior high school and was co-responsible for the continued implementation of a curriculum that is researching and preparing a multi-media presentation on the Holocaust. Cathy Harp again served as Director of Adult Education and the Summer School, and she and Flora Hall co-advised the high school chapter of the Future Educators of America.

Fran Ialenti, World Languages Department chair, again taught an undergraduate course during the summer at Stonehill College and attended the Northeast Conference of Foreign Language Teachers in Washington, D.C. In addition to coursework completed and seminars attended by other department members, Dahri McFaline taught a summer course at Stonehill College, Margo Turcotte served on the committee to select the new junior high school principal, and Season Walrath and Kari Kittredge attended the convention of Massachusetts Foreign Language teachers.

Through the Industrial Technology Department, all repairs on equipment and furniture were done under the direction of Mr. Mack and his students. Also, staff members in the department completed a number of courses for professional improvement, including coursework on engine troubleshooting and maintenance, technology, and motivational techniques. Mr. Sullivan continued to introduce the newer technological hand tools to the various shops.

Kathy Kenney, Library and Media chair, continued to make use of several new technologies including a CD-ROM tower for text-based research that facilitates electronic retrieval of information, distance learning via satellite, internet access, and participation in the Regional Library System. In March, 2001, the library media centers in all the Easton schools were involved in the "Read Across America" celebration on Dr. Seuss' birthday.

The Easton school nurses enhanced health offerings through active membership with the Brockton School Department's coalition of school nurses. The nurses again co-sponsored the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son evenings with the Health Education staff, and continued the computerization of the school health offices using updated software in all the schools.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

The Curriculum Coordinating Council, under the direction of Dr. Judith Frederick, continued its emphasis on aligning the Easton Public Schools curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Nine standing curriculum committees are working

under the direction of the coordinating council: Science, co-chaired by Gary Mazzola and Ellen Russell; Math, co-chaired by Dr. Mary-Ellen Toscano and Ed Weiner; English/Language Arts, co-chaired by Donna Eno and Joan Nicholaides; Health, chaired by James Mitchell, Kathy Kelly and Elaine Clement-Holbrook; Technology, co-chaired by Chris Margulies and Jean Churchill; Physical Education, chaired by Ron Trinque; Social Studies, co-chaired by Margaret Lynch and Edmund Hands; World Languages, co-chaired by Fran Ialenti and Bob Smith; and the Arts, chaired by Doug Anderson.

Several of the committees completed new curriculum documents in 2001. In Science, three new courses were developed. A course proposal for a Grade 8 Design Technology program was approved and implemented to better prepare students for the MCAS exam. In Grade 9, a new Physical Science elective was approved for implementation in 2002. An Advanced Placement Physics course was also developed and approved. The course will be offered in the 2002-03 school year.

The school system continued its curriculum revision cycle in World Languages, Mathematics, and Social Studies. New curricula for Spanish I and French I, along with new instructional materials, were approved and implemented. The Social Studies committee revised the Grade 7 Area Studies curriculum and created a new Grade 9 World Studies curriculum. A new elective course, Special Topics in Mathematics, was designed and implemented for seniors by members of the Mathematics Department.

In April and May 2001, an expanded version of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) testing program was administered. Students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 participated in the MCAS. Following the release of the results in early November, parent seminars were held to disseminate the information and to discuss improvement strategies. Once again Easton ranked in the top quarter of all school districts in Massachusetts, and second among the twenty-six surrounding communities on the South Shore.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Oliver Ames more than 50% of all high school students participated in an athletic activity, with approximately 25% participating in music or drama.

A number of the varsity sports teams were extremely successful this past year. The girls soccer team captured its third straight Hockomock League title this past fall, excelled in the state tournament, and continued to be ranked as one of the top teams in the state. The boys soccer team also won the Hockomock League and challenged in the state tournament. Jessica Brody and Derrek deVos were Hockomock League MVPs in girls and boys soccer, respectively. The girls cross country team won the Hockomock League championship and the league championship meet, with Sara Powell placing first in the championship meet and being named Hockomock League MVP. The boys cross country team also excelled in post season competition. The girls field hockey team and the varsity golf team advanced to the State Tournament, and the football team had a winning record of 6-4 and captured the victory in the annual Thanksgiving Day game against Sharon. During the past year, 44 student athletes from Oliver Ames High School were selected as Hockomock League all stars in the various varsity sports.

In addition to the varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 9 junior varsity programs, 4 freshman programs and 5 programs at the Easton Junior High School.

The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year

awards banquets. The student athletes and coaches of the Easton Public Schools are again extremely appreciative of the financial and fan support provided by the community.

CONCLUSION

The last year was not only a time of significant change and transition within the school system, but the impact and ramifications of the September 11, 2001 national tragedy were felt and experienced by all members of the Easton school community.

While we continue to be concerned about resources for the expectations that we have for ourselves and our increased student population, we are grateful for our many blessings. We appreciate the support of the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, the various booster groups, and F.E.E.E.; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among all the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simmons
Superintendent of Schools

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Easton School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton

In April's annual town election, Lennart Altieri and Dawn Boynton were elected for three-year terms on the committee. The committee reorganized with Lenny Altieri as Chairman and William Braun as Vice Chair.

The school system's proposed budget of \$21,756,497 for Fiscal Year 2002 was approved by Town Meeting in May. This represented a 6.0percent increase over the FY 2001 budget. The increase in this maintenance budget was used to add a small number of positions to accommodate growing enrollment; to address increased transportation and tuition costs in special education; to fund higher insurance premiums for employees; to meet the obligations of contract negotiations; and to implement new and continually revising curricula consistent with State Curriculum frameworks.

During the 2001 school year, the Easton School System experienced a significant number of staff changes. Those retiring included English teacher Pat Bailey, Math teacher Jeri Smith, World Language teacher Mirella Cabral, Social Studies teacher Paul Keyes, Consumer Science teacher Pat DeLoughery, English teacher Charlene Howarth, Reading teacher Mary Arnberg, School Psychologist Dr. Brad Chase, Physical Education teacher Gloria Ferrandino, Art Department Chair Judy Yankopoulos, and Elementary teacher Connie Pozzo. Previous members of staff moving on to other professional opportunities are as follows: Math teacher Michael Mongait, Science teacher Robert Gordon, Science teacher, English teacher Dan Seiler, Science teacher Rebecca Callahan, SPED teacher Karen O'Neil, SPED teacher Karen Fluery, SPED teacher James Gallivan, Reading teacher Lisa Farrell, Occupational Therapist Keith Kline, and Elementary teachers Maria Magaldi, Rita Sudhalter, Amy MacMannis, and Kaitlin McArdle.

The Easton School Committee would like to extend its sincere appreciation for the dedication and professionalism demonstrated by the staff that has left our system.

Each year a large number of our staff engages in a variety of activities designed to enhance their own instructional skills and to bring new ideas and resources into the classroom. Several teachers, for example, completed requirements for their Masters Degrees. Others attended institutes and workshops, participated in curriculum review and development, or designed and carried out special programs of field trips for and with students.

The School Committee continues to the challenge of addressing the continuing decline in Easton's per pupil expenditures in relation to other school districts in Massachusetts. Over the last ten years, Easton's per pupil spending ranking in the state has dropped from 140th (out of 248 K-12 districts), to 244th (4th from the bottom). At Easton's annual town meeting, despite very difficult financial times, citizens approved a six percent increase in our school system budget for fiscal year 2002. While this increase does not allow us to add any of the additional programs and services that our school system desperately needs in order to address our students needs, it will allow us to maintain the programs that are currently in place. The School Committee will continue to advocate for more adequate funding, intensify efforts to identify any additional sources of funding, and determine the most efficient and thoughtful allocation of available recourses.

Even without the enhancements that adequate funding would provide, our students have continued to excel in every possible area, including academics, athletics, and the arts. In addition to the extraordinary efforts of our administration and staff, we have been blessed with an unusually large and dedicated groups of volunteers whose work has allowed us to provide a far richer program than would otherwise be possible. For example, the local education foundation (F.E.E.E.-Foundation for Excellence in Education in Easton) raised over \$50,000 in 2001. This money was used to fund many technology needs within our district, including the purchase of computer hardware and software. The parent advisory councils (PACS) in each of the seven school buildings continually raise substantial funds for curriculum enrichment programs. Easton's seven School Councils are composed of parents, teachers, and other community members, who devote countless hours to the development of individual School Improvement Plans. A number of parents

and community members spent time in classrooms on a regular basis giving extra help to students. During Shadow day, local business's allow high school students to spend a day visiting their companies and shadowing an employee, so that these student can better understand what it may be like to work in a particular field. Members of the Police and Fire Departments continue to provide a uniquely positive presence in our schools. On behalf of the School Committee, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those individuals who contribute their talents, their hard work, and most importantly, their time to assist in the critically important task of educating our children.

The School Committee would like to thank Oliver Ames Principal and his staff for coordinating and facilitating the highly successful "Operation Recognition World War II Class Commencement" for Easton Students who left Oliver Ames for military service in World War II prior to receiving their high school diplomas.

In the fall of 1999, the Easton School Committee embarked on an important new initiative. A Strategic Planning Committee was formed for the development of a long-term strategic plan for the Easton Public Schools. This committee had over one hundred individuals that represented a wide variety of "stakeholders". These stakeholders helped to identify key components of our program that should be addressed over the next five years. Strategic planning goals have been formulated and a written plan is in process. We would like to thank all those who have been involved in this effort and encourage your continuing involvement as we move forward.

In addition, the School Committee would like to than the School Planning and the Municipal Building Committees for all their effort in support of additions and renovations projects to both Easton Junior High and Oliver Ames High School. This project is the second phase of a three-phase plan that the school system put in place to address over crowding and school maintenance. Phase one was completed in 1995 with the building of the Olmstead Richardson School; Phase two is the Junior High and High School additions and renovations, and phase three will be renovations to the three elementary schools (Parkview, Moreau Hall, and Center Schools). At the completion of phase two, Oliver Ames High School will house grades 9-12, the same alignment that is used in all but four high schools in Massachusetts. The Junior High School will be converted to a middle school and house grade 6-8. Both the Olmstead and Richardson Schools will house grades 3-5, and the three elementary schools will house students from K-2. This realignment plan will address our space needs for the next twenty years. We would like to thank the community for their continued support of these projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Lennart K. Altieri, Chair
William P. Braun, Vice-Chair
Ellen Boyajian
Dawn Boynton
Caroline S. O'Neill

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ralph Armstead, School Committee Member

The Southeastern Regional School District offers 21 vocational/technical training programs at its high school and seven post-secondary programs at its technical institute. On October 1, 2001, 1,172 students were enrolled in the high school and 143 students were enrolled in the technical institute. Easton had 60 students enrolled in the high school.

The financial difficulties experienced in the district over the last several years are coming to an end. Working with the Department of Education and the Department of Revenue, the district has returned to the member communities \$2,751,335 by means of reduction in assessment. Easton's original assessment for the 2001-2002 school year of \$363,104 has now been reduced to \$163,705.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, provides students with school-to-career activities.

Southeastern Regional prepared for the decennial evaluation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' accreditation visit scheduled for the fall of 2001. Forty-four program review booklets were developed in preparation for this decennial evaluation.

In June of 2001, the high school graduated 225 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Placement records indicate that 92% of the Class of 2001 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to further their education.

Participation in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), BPA (Business Professionals of America), and other student organizations, increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. The Southeastern Regional Chapter of Massachusetts Skills USA/VICA was recognized as the outstanding chapter in Massachusetts. Three students competed at the National Business Professionals of America competition.

Program Advisory Committees for every program offered at Southeastern, met in November to discuss and provide recommendations for curriculum, instruction and equipment improvements to allow each program to meet industry standards. These committees, made up of parents, students and industry representatives, met again in April to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional District School Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern Regional.

Southeastern is committed to expanding its communication with alumni. An Alumni Committee started contacting former graduates to increase connections with the Southeastern Regional Alumni. This results in several Alumni events including a picnic and Homecoming coffee at the Thanksgiving football game, and reunions for several classes were held this year.

The Southeastern Technical Institute has increased the number of evening school programs offered for 2001-2002. A major goal of the technical institute is to provide educational programs that satisfy the needs of the community members and are responsive to the employer community. Evening school programs range from arts and recreational programs to higher-level technology courses.

The enrollment in the adult day programs continued to grown in part as a result of the weakening economy and the increase in the unemployment rate. The institute works closely with the area One Stop Career Centers to assure that the students receive the education needed to successfully find employment and the occupational areas that are in high demand. The institute's faculty and staff work closely with the Advisory Committee to refine the curriculum to meet business and industry demands.

**Report of the Town Collector
Schedule of Taxes and Water Rates
for the Year Ending June 30, 2001**

	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2000	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Transfers To Tax Title	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2001
Personal Property						
1993	16				16	0
1996	516				516	0
1997	689		74		615	0
1998	970		198		772	0
1999	2,819		345		1,677	797
2000	1,377		657		649	71
2001		345,875	2,735		335,805	7,335
Totals	\$6,387	\$345,875	\$4,009	\$0	\$340,050.00	\$8,203.00
Real Estate						
1997	503					503
1999	(3,000)		8,989		(11,989)	0
2000	254,369		11,943	64,005	181,343	(2,922)
2001		23,329,661	95,592	136,146	22,822,924	274,999
Totals	\$251,872	\$23,329,661	\$116,524	\$200,151	\$22,992,278	\$272,580
Motor Vehicle Excise						
1986	17,882		73		592	17,217
1987	21,550				114	21,437
1988	27,235				38	27,197
1989	25,779				1,056	24,723
1990	22,979				851	22,128
1991	15,750				439	15,312
1992	12,186				186	12,000
1993	12,305				405	11,901
1994	12,310				621	11,689
1995	9,367				415	8,952
1996	9,773		5		539	9,229
1997	9,766				1,426	8,340
1998	14,956				4,638	10,318
1999	30,908	17,035	5,544		28,765	13,633
2000	178,936	312,271	34,244		420,165	36,798
2001		2,186,776	84,881		1,943,147	158,749
Totals	\$421,683	\$2,516,082	\$124,747		\$2,403,396	\$409,622
Water Rates and Services						
	\$152,676	\$1,996,114	\$69,027		\$1,912,474	\$167,289

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR**RECEIPTS****JULY 1, 2000 THRU JUNE 30, 2001**

Taxes Collected for 2001	25,182,275.00
Taxes Collected for 2000	674,752.47
Taxes Collected for 1999	32,668.56
Taxes Collected for 1998	5,417.77
Taxes Collected for 1997	2,044.64
Taxes Collected for 1996	1,055.46
Taxes Collected for 1995	414.90
Taxes Collected for 1994	621.25
Taxes Collected for 1993	420.45
Taxes Collected for 1992	185.62
Taxes Collected for 1991	438.75
Taxes Collected for 1990	851.04
Taxes Collected for 1989	1,056.45
Taxes Collected for 1988	37.92
Taxes Collected for 1987	113.75
Taxes Collected for 1986	591.99
Water Liens Collected	57,424.40
Water Betterments Collected	5,844.60
Committed Interest Collected	8,809.85
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Liens	162,596.82
Water Betterment Releases	96.00
Trailer Park Fees	13,676.00
Certificates of Municipal Liens	30,250.00
Ambulance Fees	273,506.63
 TOTAL	 26,455,150.32

*Respectfully
submitted,*

*Cynthia M. Curry
Town Collector*

Report of the Treasurer
July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001

<i>Bank Accounts</i>	<i>Balance June 30, 2000</i>	<i>+Receipts</i>	<i>-Payments</i>	<i>Balance June 30, 2001</i>
<i>Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds</i>	6,696,306.42	60,331,507.20	59,266,281.62	7,761,532.00
<i>Trust Funds</i>				
<i>Stabilization Fund</i>	361,033.92	300,000.00	37,000.00	636,562.95
<i>Conservation Fund</i>	1,561,353.33	83,056.18	117,559.00	1,526,850.51
<i>Unemployment Compensation</i>	87,700.50	5,258.57		92,959.07
<i>Pension Reserve Fund</i>	521,514.68	29,112.31	40,000.00	510,626.99
<i>Police Forfeiture Account</i>	11,591.24	304.52		11,895.76
<i>Law Enforcement Trust Fund</i>	8,382.13		598.94	7,783.19
<i>Mary Stone Library Fund</i>	5,596.51	268.82		5,865.33
<i>Scholarship Funds</i>				
<i>Ellen Atwood</i>	2,076.84	99.76		2,176.60
<i>* Parker-Ames</i>	135,068.39	-16,276.27	10,000.00	108,792.12
<i>Mary A. Stone</i>	6,229.91	291.04	300.00	6,220.95
<i>World War Memorial</i>	51,716.79	3,132.14	2,600.00	52,248.93
<i>Young</i>	3,146.38	147.03	150.00	3,143.41
<i>Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds</i>				
<i>Furnace Village Cemetery</i>	21,553.01	1,028.11	1,000.00	21,581.12
<i>Pine Grove Cemetery</i>	3,592.90	171.33	175.00	3,589.23
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	7,478.89	357.10	300.00	7,535.99
<i>South Easton</i>	9,808.71	467.57	500.00	9,776.28
<i>Town Cemeteries</i>	17,574.79	586.12	6,000.00	12,160.91
<i>Total Cash</i>	<u>9,511,725.34</u>			<u>10,781,301.34</u>

* deline in share value of fund held in Vanguard 500 Index Fund

**Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 2001**

<i>Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit</i>	<i>Outstanding July 1, 2000</i>	<i>Issued</i>	<i>-Principal Paid</i>	<i>Interest Paid</i>	<i>=Outstanding June 30, 2001</i>
Buildings					
*Police Remodeling '88	795,280.00		211,680.00	28,919.62	583,600.00
Library Planning '01		700,000.00		17,852.50	700,000.00
TOTAL	795,280.00	700,000.00	211,680.00	28,919.62	1,283,600.00
Dept. Equipment					
Computer '92	10,000.00		5,000.00	401.25	5,000.00
'97 Capital Budget	120,000.00		60,000.00	5,340.00	60,000.00
Police Comm. Equip '97	88,800.00		44,400.00	3,951.60	44,400.00
Fire Trucks '99	506,250.00		168,750.00	41,959.44	337,500.00
TOTAL	725,050.00		278,150.00	51,652.29	446,900.00
School Buildings					
Center School Roofs	30,000.00		30,000.00	787.50	0.00
Four School Roofs	775,000.00		100,000.00	41,125.00	675,000.00
School Renovations '94	125,000.00		30,000.00	6,632.50	95,000.00
School Repairs '97	101,600.00		50,800.00	4,521.20	50,800.00
*New School '97	20,130,000.00		680,000.00	963,771.26	19,450,000.00
TOTAL	21,161,600.00		890,800.00	1,016,837.46	20,270,800.00
School All Other					
*School Sidewalks '97	33,500.00		33,500.00	1,474.00	0.00
TOTAL	33,500.00		33,500.00	1,474.00	0.00
Other Inside Debt					
Road Repairs '94	255,000.00		85,000.00	13,387.50	170,000.00
Dam Const. 6-1-97	40,000.00		20,000.00	1,780.00	20,000.00
Land '97	505,200.00		31,600.00	24,795.60	473,600.00
Dam Const. 12-15-97	150,000.00		50,000.00	7,787.50	100,000.00
Conservation Land '97 (70.5%)	568,485.00		37,985.00	27,874.40	530,500.00
Conservation Land-Elm St. '99	142,800.00		17,200.00	4,274.32	125,600.00
ConCom Land-Poquanticut '99	133,800.00		16,200.00	4,023.84	117,600.00
Recreation Land '01		300,000.00		7,701.25	300,000.00
ConCom Land-Lewis Farm '01		115,000.00		2,948.75	115,000.00
TOTAL	1,795,285.00	415,000.00	257,985.00	94,573.16	1,952,300.00
SUB-TOTAL Inside Debt	24,510,715.00	1,115,000.00	1,672,115.00	1,193,456.53	23,953,600.00
*Proposition 2 1/2 Exempt					

**Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 2001**

Long Term Debt Outside Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2000	+Issued	-Retired	Interest Paid	=Outstanding June 30, 2001
Solid Waste					
Landfill Closure '01	1,800,000.00			46,106.25	1,800,000.00
TOTAL	1,800,000.00			46,106.25	1,800,000.00
Water					
Well, Pumping Station '92	240,000.00		30,000.00	12,787.50	210,000.00
Water Bonds '92	160,000.00		20,000.00	8,525.00	140,000.00
Water Bonds '94	155,000.00		30,000.00	8,267.50	125,000.00
Water Mains '94	305,000.00		65,000.00	16,232.50	240,000.00
Water Mains '97	309,540.00		45,820.00	14,449.44	263,720.00
Water Bonds Refunding	239,720.00		58,320.00	8,857.88	181,400.00
Land(29.5%)	237,875.00		15,895.00	11,663.76	221,980.00
Water Mains '99	643,750.00		71,250.00	17,711.36	572,500.00
Land-Freeman '99	448,400.00		51,600.00	12,831.04	396,800.00
HVAC Remodeling '01		200,000.00		5,000.00	200,000.00
Well #7, '01		200,000.00		5,000.00	200,000.00
TOTAL	2,739,285.00	400,000.00	387,885.00	121,325.98	2,751,400.00
SUB-TOTAL Outside Debt	2,739,285.00	2,200,000.00	387,885.00	167,432.23	4,551,400.00
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	27,250,000.00	3,315,000.00	2,060,000.00	1,360,888.76	28,505,000.00

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2000	New Debt Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2001	Interest Paid in FY01
Bond Anticipation Notes					
Library Addition/Renovation	600,000.00		600,000.00		22,418.80
Landfill Closure	1,800,000.00		1,800,000.00		64,622.01
Land-Foundry St.	300,000.00		300,000.00		11,209.40
Water Filtration System	150,000.00		150,000.00		5,656.12
Water HVAC Remodeling	200,000.00		200,000.00		2,129.00
Conservation Land-Lewis Farm	115,000.00		115,000.00		1,225.00
Well #7	200,000.00		200,000.00		2,129.00
Landfill Closure 2		1,235,000.00		1,235,000.00	
Water Ultraviolet Equipment		75,000.00		75,000.00	
TOTAL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES	3,365,000.00	1,310,000.00	3,365,000.00	1,310,000.00	109,389.33

**Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 2001**

AUTHORIZED and UNISSUED DEBT

<i>Date of Vote</i>	<i>Article No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount Authorized</i>	<i>-Issued -Retired - Rescinded</i>	<i>=Unissued June 30, 2001</i>
4/10/95	15	Well & Pumping Station	1,500,000.00	200,000.00	1,300,000.00
4/8/96	7	Library Remodeling	5,000,000.00	700,000.00	4,300,000.00
4/13/98	20	Rockery Grant (SAN)	64,000.00		64,000.00
5/11/98	60	MWPAT-Septic Loan Program	200,000.00		200,000.00
11/22/99	10	Water Mains	1,100,000.00		1,100,000.00
11/22/99	15	Rockery Grant (SAN)	100,000.00		100,000.00
11/22/99	16	Wastewater Mgmt Planning	350,000.00		350,000.00
10/30/00	8	Landfill Closure 2	1,235,000.00		1,235,000.00
10/30/00	11	Water Ultraviolet Equipment	500,000.00		500,000.00
3/5/01	6	Land in Aquifer - Freitas	325,000.00		325,000.00
6/4/01	8	Water Dept. Addition	150,000.00		150,000.00
TOTAL AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED DEBT					<u><u>9,624,000.00</u></u>

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - June 30, 2000	535,659.39
Additions:	
Takings through FY '00 taxes	50,938.78
Subsequent Year '01	138,715.92
Subsequent Year '00	77.86
Deductions:	
Redemptions	159,090.92
Foreclosures	24,396.59
Balance - June 30, 2001	<u><u>541,904.44</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,

**Cynthia M. Curry
Town Treasurer**

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, which includes the balance sheet as of that date.

Our audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts.

The annual year-end closing of the "books" as of June 30th went very smoothly. Financial Statements were prepared as of that date and submitted to the Department of Revenue in a timely manner.

I would especially like to thank Elizabeth Morgan and Adilia Collazo for all their hard work and dedication during the year. In addition, I thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

Combined Balance Sheet -
All Fund Types and Account Group

June 30, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Group General Long-Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects				
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,268,960	\$ 1,448,023	\$ 1,457,416	\$ 1,448,281	\$ 4,687,721	\$ -	\$ 12,310,401
Receivables:							
Property taxes	1,045,085	-	-	-	-	-	1,045,085
Belterments	-	98,594	-	199,719	-	-	298,313
Excise	409,622	-	-	-	-	-	409,622
Charges for services, net of allowance	-	-	-	957,368	-	-	957,368
Departmental	421,741	16,866	-	-	-	-	438,607
Due from other governments	94,552	-	-	-	-	-	94,552
Inventories	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	48,850	-	-	48,850
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	27,632,555	-	-	27,632,555
Amount to be provided by Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	14,590,580	14,590,580
	-	-	-	-	-	13,615,000	13,615,000
Total Assets	\$ 5,239,960	\$ 1,563,483	\$ 1,757,416	\$ 30,286,773	\$ 4,687,721	\$ 28,205,580	\$ 71,740,933
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	\$ 511,223	\$ 42,281	\$ 1,650	\$ 57,605	\$ 8,015	\$ -	\$ 620,774
Accrued liabilities	423,106	38,524	-	9,961	398	530,000	1,001,989
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	300,000	-	300,000
Deferred revenue	1,813,844	115,460	-	199,719	-	-	2,129,023
Notes payable	-	-	1,235,000	75,000	-	-	1,310,000
General long-term debt	-	-	-	2,529,420	-	26,175,580	28,705,000
Estimated landfill closure and postclosure liability	-	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Other liabilities	119,398	-	-	-	1,680,591	-	1,799,989
Total Liabilities	2,867,571	196,265	1,236,650	2,871,705	1,989,004	28,205,580	37,366,775
Fund Equity:							
Contributed capital	-	-	-	16,018,674	-	-	16,018,674
Retained earnings	-	-	-	11,396,394	-	-	11,396,394
Fund balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	203,169	-	-	-	-	-	203,169
Reserved for continuing appropriations	894,209	2,000	-	-	-	-	896,209
Reserved for endowment	-	-	-	-	233,091	-	233,091
Unreserved:							
Undesignated	1,275,011	1,385,218	520,766	-	2,465,626	-	5,626,621
Total Fund Equity	2,372,389	1,367,218	520,766	27,415,068	2,698,717	-	34,374,158
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 5,239,960	\$ 1,563,483	\$ 1,757,416	\$ 30,286,773	\$ 4,687,721	\$ 28,205,580	\$ 71,740,933

REPORT OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the Books and Accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2001 was made by Melanson Heath & Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants & Management Advisors. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This was a very difficult year for the D.P.W. The Override question failed and our Budget was cut by \$307,000 or 12%, eliminating five positions and reducing the staff from 43 to 38 positions.

Due to the extreme budget cuts, 534 of our 1,366 streetlights were scheduled to be shut off. The majority of these lights were on straight-aways and dead-end streets. The emphasis was to light all intersections and dangerous curves. Residents can contact Mass Electric if they wish to pay themselves for a light that has been shut off. The average cost is about \$100.00 per year.

A new compost facility located behind Fire Station #3 on Bay Road was completed this fall for Easton residents to bring leaves and grass clippings.

All D.P.W. personnel were involved in a series of teambuilding workshops that were given by our Employee Assistance Program.

The September 11 terrorist attack heightened our awareness of the need to educate our staff to allow us to protect the community infrastructure from any disaster. Administrative, D.P.W., Police and Fire personnel have all been involved with training to combat terrorist acts. Much time has been spent updating our emergency plans.

A very successful Hazardous Waste Collection Day was conducted on September 22 at the D.P.W. with over 306 residents participating. This was the first year we worked together with the Easton Lions Club on a white goods disposal during our collection and it provided a very valuable service to the residents of Easton.

Thousands of yards of earth were removed from a mound at the entrance to the new Richardson and Olmsted schools, creating a much safer sight distance for buses and cars entering the school.

The Central Maintenance personnel relocated their office from the North Easton Grammar School back to the D.P.W. building at 130 Center Street.

The individual reports of the Town Engineer, Water Superintendent, Highway Superintendent, and Tree Warden outline specific accomplishments within their Division.

Maurice Goulet, Technical Assistant to the D.P.W. Director, provided assistance on D.P.W. Projects.

DPW:

- Special PowerPoint Presentations
- Rockland Street Construction Plans
- Allen Road Construction Plans
- Drainage Study Baltic Avenue
- Safety Week

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

- Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting Presentations

SCHOOL/POLICE:

- Emergency Preparedness School Building Layouts

FIRE:

- Emergency Response Plan by Year (1998-2000)

CONSERVATION:

- Open Space / Recreation Plan

- * Open Space Plan
- * Action Plan
- * Water Resources Plan
- * Habitat Plan
- * Special Landscape Features Plan
- * Soils Plan

* Environmental Plan

TOWN CLERK:

Update of New 2002 Precinct Map

ASSESSOR:

Update of Assessor Maps for Department of Revenue Review

PLANNING & ZONING:

Update of Zoning Map

I would like to thank all of the 37 employees of the D.P.W. for their dedication throughout the year and the very evident display of team spirit--the D.P.W. Supervisors: Jack Marsh, Ed Jacobson, Peter Huie, Paul O'Neill, and James Luke for their unique cooperation, the Administration Staff, Jan Jacobson, Maurice Goulet, and the Water Division office staff: Shirley Tufts, Peg Hannigan, and Pam Almeida for completing many difficult tasks on schedule.

I am very proud of the team of professionalism at the D.P.W. We are all striving to provide the citizens of Easton with quality service every day during these difficult times of budget restraints. Our goal is to be the most effective and efficient D.P.W. within the Commonwealth.

If you have an inquiry or need to contact me, please call 1-508-238-3641 or e-mail me at wsouthworth@easton.ma.us

Respectively Submitted,

Wayne P. Southworth, Director

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, AND SNOW & ICE DIVISIONS

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Highway Superintendent for year 2001.

The Highway Division installed 780 feet of drainage on Rockland Street and 2,900 feet of sub-drains on Allen Road. Both Rockland Street and Allen Road were reconstructed and paved with the base or binder course of asphalt. This is a total of 14,260 feet or 2.7 miles of roadway. The top course will be installed in the spring of 2002. We installed 1,700 tons of asphalt for leveling strips on Foundry Street, Prospect Street, Depot Street, and Massapoag Ave. The top course was installed on Prospect Street from Howard Street to Route 106. We also cold planed and resurfaced Route 106 from Route 138 to the Southeastern Regional Vocational School.

All streets were swept (240 lane miles) and approximately 300 catch basins were cleaned. Catch basin cleaning is an ongoing project.

We replaced approximately 400 feet of wood guardrail on Pond Street and Day Street.

The Tennis Courts and Basketball Courts were completed at the high school and additional parking space put in around the Muscato Stadium.

The Landfill was checked for odors twice per day, seven days per week. This is also an ongoing project.

Our Snow & Ice crews responded to 36 sanding operations and 5 plowing operations, utilizing 21 of our own vehicles and 35 hired contractors during plow operations. We distributed 6,150 tons of mixed salt and sand along with 1,962 gallons of liquid calcium chloride. The total cost for the supplies for snow and ice control was \$89,470.

The Vehicle Maintenance Division did an excellent job again this year in maintaining our fleet as well as the school vans and police cruisers.

I would like to thank Wayne Southworth our new Director of Public Works, Peter Huie, Town Engineer, Paul O'Neill, Tree Warden, and Jack Marsh, Water Superintendent for their assistance and cooperation during this past year. I would also like to thank all the employees in my divisions as well as the office staff for all their hard work and dedication to the Town of Easton during these difficult fiscal times.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward C. Jacobson
Highway Superintendent

**2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TREE WARDEN
FOREST AND PARKS DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Forest and Parks Department has continued the maintenance program of trimming and removing dead, dying, and/or dangerous trees throughout the Town, as time permits. At the request of residents, hearings were held for certain trees. To help visibility, brush was cut and removed along roadsides, corners, curves, and signs. When funds were available, flowering trees were planted in various areas of town to replace ones that were removed.

Poison ivy was sprayed on private property at the request of the homeowner and along roadsides to protect pedestrians.

The Forest and Parks Department takes care of school properties by mowing and line painting for football, soccer, field hockey, baseball, softball, and track and field events. We have repaired the irrigation system after work was done on the high school electrical system. Other town-owned properties were taken care of - cemeteries, Town Office, bike paths, and parks. Playgrounds were mowed and cleared of leaves and debris.

Land was cleared for drainage and to make an area for composting. Trees were cut along Allen Road for drainage and sidewalks.

The Town of Easton was awarded *Tree City U.S.A.* for the thirteenth year in a row. Hopefully, we can continue this in the future.

The Forest and Parks Department has provided assistance with snow plowing and sanding operations, and moving equipment for both Highway and Central Maintenance Divisions.

I would like to thank all other divisions in the Department of Public Works and the Easton School System for all their help in the past year and a special thanks to the men in my department for their ideas and taking pride in a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted

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2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

MISSION STATEMENT

The Easton Water Division is dedicated to providing, protecting and preserving today's water supplies for tomorrow's consumers. Our commitment is to supply quality water that complies with all State & Federal standards, provide education and excellent customer service, and to be the leaders of our profession.

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2000:

MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED	MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED
JANUARY	49,103,000	JULY	86,075,000
FEBRUARY	46,740,000	AUGUST	66,436,000
MARCH	49,802,000	SEPTEMBER	64,566,000
APRIL	53,587,000	OCTOBER	57,817,000
MAY	58,592,000	NOVEMBER	52,021,000
JUNE	68,667,000	DECEMBER	55,538,000

Total gallons pumped in 2000 – 708,944,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 3,871,000 gallons on 7/12/00.
Total 2000 Precipitation was 47.64 inches.

The Water Division responded to 2,226 service and emergency calls:

Connected 71 new services for a total of 6,662 active services

Replaced 539 meters

Renewed 2 services

Repaired 16 service leaks

Repaired 22 broken water mains

2 - 4" mains	2 - 6" mains	1 - 10" main
15 - 8" mains	2 - 12" mains	

In 2000, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:

16 feet of 4" water mains

8,476 feet of 8" water mains

5,386 feet of 12" water mains

24 new fire hydrants

We now have a total of 151.3 miles of water mains, 1,304 hydrants and 2,738 valves in our system.

The Water Division read 13,010 meters, prepared and processed the bills for mailing;
4,123 delinquent notices were mailed and 261 final bills were calculated.

New 12" water mains were installed on Turnpike Street (960 ft.) from Depot Street to the West Bridgewater town line and on Foundry Street (1726 ft.) from Route 138 to the West Bridgewater town line. A total of 13 services were re-connected to the new mains and the old mains were taken out of service. These two projects improve fire flows for the entire area.

This completed the twelfth year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 235 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 1 commercial building was surveyed. We have 201 testable devices in the system, 114 double check valve assemblies and 87 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers. This year 277 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act,
686 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis
6 nitrate analysis
1 nitrite analysis
4 routine analysis
7 secondary contaminants analysis
6 volatile organic compounds analysis
7 microscopic particulate analysis
1500 pH samples
1000 chlorine residual tests
1 gross alpha
7 radon
6 inorganic compounds analysis

We completed our second leak detection survey, using digital correlation technology.

This survey picked up 7 leaks amounting to 22 gallons per minute, or 11,563,200 gallons per year saved, with an estimated annual savings of \$43,460.43.

Since the beginning of our Leak Detection Program in 1982, 298 leaks have been located and repaired, saving 894,166 gallons per day or 326,370,590 gallons per year.

This was the 7th year that we conducted our controlled system-wide flushing program, covering the 151 miles of water mains. This annual flushing cleans all sediments from the mains and helps to ensure the delivery of safe, clean water to your tap.

The staff of the Easton Water Division gave presentations to the following groups in 2000:

- 2 Seminars and Tours, Girl Scouts
- 11 N.R.T. Class Tours of Well #2
- 2 Day tours of our Xeriscape Garden
- Open House
- Canoe River Awareness Day
- Assist with the Annual Health Fair
- NEWWA/MWWA – Presented paper on our Xeriscape Garden
- Presentation to MWWA Cross Control Seminar
- Presentation to NEWWA – System Flushing
- Presentation to NEWWA on National Drinking Water Week
- Presentation to Junior High Students “Envirothon”

Michael Berry, Meter Technician, and Julie Kantrovitz, Record Account Clerk 1, were honored at the 51st Anniversary Recognition Night of the Massachusetts Water Works Association. Both received the 2000 “*Water Works Pride Award*” given to support staffs that have demonstrated extra effort in the Water Works field.

The meeting room at the Easton Water Division office at 417 Bay Road has become in high demand, as virtually the only town meeting room, and it was utilized 96 times during the year for both daytime and nightly meetings and training sessions.

We were very proud to have been selected by the Massachusetts Garden Club Federation to have our demonstration *Xeriscape Garden* included in their Annual “Gardens on Tour.” We hosted over 160 guests on July 12 and 13 from over the entire State. There was much interest in our Xeriscape design and concept, which eliminates the need to water the many native perennials that make up the garden. A special thanks to Jan Fowler of the Easton Garden Club and Dick Mueda of the Water Division for their continued efforts in maintaining this beautiful garden, which has become a great educational tool.

We conducted two Household Hazardous Waste Collection days—the first on Saturday, April 15, 2000, with 289 residents participating and the second on October 28, 2000 with 486 residents. This was the largest attendance ever since we started in 1984, costing us \$26,401.53 for the one day. Computer terminals and television sets have now been considered hazardous materials due to the lead content in the printed circuit boards, making it very costly to dispose of them.

On March 30, 2000, we co-sponsored a lawn care seminar with the Towns of Norton, Foxboro, Mansfield, and Sharon as part of a regional effort with the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee. It was held at the Norton Jr. High School, with Mike Walsh of Horticultural Concepts. Lawn irrigation continues to be the greatest concern of all water departments and puts the most strain on our water system during the summer months. We are going to continue to educate the public as to proper lawn watering techniques and have a similar seminar planned for March 29, 2001 with Brian Vinchesi, a national consultant on irrigation.

During the year, we were able to assist Easton's 275th Committee with several activities at our office meeting room, as well as to participate in the 275th parade.

The October 30 special town meeting approved \$500,000 for the installation of ultraviolet disinfection equipment at our 6 pumping stations. This equipment will be an additional barrier protecting our water supply from contaminants, and hopefully reducing the need for chlorination.

The Easton Water Division was honored once again at the State House during National Drinking Water Week on May 11, 2000, by being presented one of the Massachusetts Public Water System awards.

The Water Division hosted its 16th Annual Open House on Saturday, May 6, 2000 with the highlight being the Award Ceremony of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Over 850 posters are judged from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This contest could not be possible without the excellent cooperation of the Easton school system—especially, Judy Yankopoulos of the Art Department. This contest provides a perfect medium to educate all these students to the value of water and the need to protect it.

I would like to thank the employees of the Easton Water Division for their extra effort during this difficult year: Shirley Tufts, Peggy Hannigan, Julie Kantrovitz, John Marsh, Raymond Keyes, Richard Buckley, John Fresh, Jr., Scott Habelt, Michael Berry, Richard Mueda, Gerry Coletti, Joshua Ford, Joseph Richard, and John Siscoe.

"With Water Works Pride"
Wayne P. Southworth

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held 11 meetings during the year. The meetings are rotated within one of the five Member Communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield, and Norton.

The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Pat Rogers of the D.E.P., presented each community with Taunton River Watershed signs to be placed at the entrance of the watershed in each community.

The Committee hosted a presentation on water reuse given by Joan Sozio of Foxboro and Peter Silbermann and Bob Beal of Earth Tech.

The Committee held a Lawn Care Seminar on March 27, 2001 at the Norton Middle School with Brian E. Venchesi of Irrigation Consulting, Inc. and Lynda Wightman of Hunter Industries.

Taryn LaScola of the Mass. Department of Agriculture worked with the Committee throughout the year on a grant to provide public education for responsible pesticide and fertilizer use. She has developed fact sheets to be mailed to all households within the five towns and is available to attend public forums to discuss pesticide and fertilizer use within the Aquifer.

Member Robert Jones of Mansfield spearheaded an effort to complete the Mill Pond Dam Project along the Canoe River in Mansfield. Funds were appropriated at Town Meeting and the project was completed.

Wayne Southworth gave a Power Point presentation on the CRAAC as a model for water resource management at the New Mayflower Compact Congress Conference at Stonehill College. The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee was presented with an award entitled the *"First Annual New Mayflower Compact Award"* as an example of Innovative Regional Collaboration.

The Annual Awareness Day was held on Saturday, May 12, 2001 at the Mansfield Fish & Game Club. Sharon McGregor, Assistant Secretary of Environmental Affairs was the guest speaker. Fifty-five Certificates of Appreciation were given out for participation in our Green Belt Project.

Leonard Flynn coordinated a meeting with Christie Anderberg and Badge Blackett from the Trust for Public Land for the purpose of becoming Partners on Land Protection along the Canoe River Green Belt.

Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Agent, was recognized for her yearlong efforts for acquiring open space in Norton along the Canoe River:

- Johnson Acres – 50 acres
- Subon Property – 43 acres
- Lincoln Woods – 70 acres
- White Street sand pits – 70 acres

Pat Rogers, D.E.P. Taunton River Team Leader, detailed a grant of \$50,000 for the state to hire Horsley & Witten, Inc. to conduct a yearlong study of the Canoe River Aquifer.

The CRAAC received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Norton Conservation Commission and Norton Recreation Commission at the dedication ceremony on September 15, 2001 of the Town's purchase of the Subon property off Route #123 in Norton.

The water superintendents of the five communities worked together on a joint press release on the safety of the water supplies after the September 11 terrorist attack.

Jennifer Carlino and Leonard Flynn reported that the Division of Wildlife & Fisheries will receive a Care & Custody Agreement for approximately 134 acres of the State D.P.W. land along Route #495.

2002 Meeting Dates

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2002	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2002	EASTON WATER DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2002	SHARON TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2002	FOXBOROUGH TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2002	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2002	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2002	EASTON WATER DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2002	SHARON TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2002	FOXBOROUGH TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2002	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2002	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL

Present Membership

Norton
Susan Mims
Frederick Watson
Suzanne Erikson

Foxborough
Robert W. Boette
Joan F. Sozio
Leo Potter

Sharon
Gregory Meister
Patrick Dorcus
Dave Masciarelli

Easton
Philip Barske
William Hardin
Wayne P. Southworth

Mansfield
Edward Tartufo
Leonard F. Flynn

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON ENGINEERING DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The main activities of the Engineering Division include support the Planning & Zoning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Department of Public Works, as follows:

Planning & Zoning Board – Review of subdivision plans; review of storm management designs and calculations; review of site plans; preparation of Street Inspection and Roadway Cost Estimates; site investigations; and inspections of subdivisions.

Conservation Commission – Review of Permit applications; determination of Conservation Commission jurisdictions; assuring compliance to Conservation Commission Order of Conditions; and identifying violations of Wetlands Protection Acts.

Department of Public Works – Design, plans, specifications, and construction management for water main projects; design and construction management of sidewalk projects; development of bid specifications for vehicles; obtaining utility, roadway, and drainage easements; development of 5-year roadway, sidewalk, and drainage improvement plans; maintenance of Chapter 90 project funds; and serving as engineering advisor to the DPW Director and his Technical Assistant.

In addition, the Engineering Division conducts special drainage studies, and site investigation of drainage problems throughout town along with recommended solutions, and accomplishes surveying needs of the DPW which do not require PLS stamping or land court action. Special projects requiring engineering input as requested by the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, other Town Offices, and also the general public are also included in Engineering Division's activities.

This year the Engineering Division moved its offices from the Town Barn at 130 Center Street to the Water Division Building at 417 Bay Road. This move was necessary to accommodate the Central Maintenance Division into the newly vacated offices at the Town Barn.

Major accomplishments of the Engineering Division this year included developing plans for the Allen Road reconstruction project consisting of road rehabilitation, new sidewalks, sub-drains, and drainage facilities. Construction of this project started in the fall of this year and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2002. In addition, the Engineering Division designed drainage improvements for Rockland Street between Allen Road and Beaver Brook, handled the construction management of the Sheridan Street sidewalk extension, and designed and oversaw the construction of a dike at the Baltic Avenue flood control project. Other notable activities of the Engineering Division are as follows:

- Design of the Bay Road/Pheasant Lane drainage relief project.
- Arranging for the survey of Purchase Street for a new water main project.
- Oversaw the replacement of displaced boulders at the New and Old Pond Dams
- Developed an RFP and selected an Architect to design the Addition to the Water Division Building
- Assisted in locating town land on Electric Avenue for the Habitat for Humanity Program.
- Designed and laid out the parking lot at Wrights Farm.
- Designed improvements at the Mechanic Street parking lot.
- Investigated improvement needs to the 5 corners traffic lights.
- Determined the Marshall Road easement needs

This year Robert Dunn conducted a Comprehensive Street Lighting Survey and Inventory of all Accepted and Unaccepted Streets, and associated operation costs. This study was made in response to the Board of Selectmen request to recommend measures to save over \$40,000 from this years budget.

During the year, the Engineering Division worked on approximately 750 separate actions for the Conservation Commission consisting mainly of the review of Permit Applications, Jurisdictions, Applicability, Compliance's, and violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and Article 29 of Easton's Wetland Protection By-Law. Support to the Planning and Zoning Board this year included over 425 separate actions consisting mainly of the review of subdivision and site plans, preparing street inspection and roadway cost estimates, and site investigations and inspections of subdivisions.

A special thanks is given to the Water Division Administrative staff for sharing their office space with the Engineering Division and making us feel welcome in our new home. In addition, the Town Planner and the Executive staff of the Planning and Zoning Board and Conservation Commission should be commended for their willing cooperation and excellent work in coordinating the needs of their respective offices with the Engineering Division.

Should the general public be in need of engineering assistance, they should contact:
 Peter Huie (Town Engineer) at (508) 230-3401, or E-mail phuie@easton.ma.us
 or
 Robert G. Dunn (Engineer) at (508) 230-3347, or E-mail bdunn@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HUIE, P.E.
 Town Engineer

If you have any inquiries or need to request a plan, please call 1-800-818-3541 or email info@centralmass.org

Total Number of Voting Town Councilors	12	2011-2012
Total Number of Voting Town Councilors	12	2011-2012
Total Number of Town Councilors	12	2011-2012
Total Number of Town Councilors	12	2011-2012
Total Number of Planning Board Members	12	2011-2012
Total Number of Planning Board Members	12	2011-2012
Total Number of Municipal Park Commissioners	12	2011-2012
Total Number of Municipal Park Commissioners	12	2011-2012
Total Fees Collected By the Town (2011)	2,000,000	2011-2012

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Central Maintenance Division had a very productive year, although the staff was greatly reduced by the financial shortfall that occurred after the contingent override failed.

A major project for the Electrical staff was the replacement of all smoke detectors throughout the school systems—7 schools and all Town buildings. Electrical upgrades were made to the 7 Water Division Pumping stations. The lighting assemblies were rebuilt on the overhead lighting at Muscato Stadium. The generator was rebuilt at Fire Station #2 and emergency lights were replaced. The generator transfer switch was rehabilitated at Fire Station #3. Much of the underground wiring throughout the school system was replaced. All of the outside lighting was replaced at Parkview School. The power supply at the Town Office was upgraded.

The stone walls on Main Street were completed. The top layer of stones along the entire length of New Pond Dam were replaced and cemented. The stone wall in front of the Center Street cemetery was rebuilt.

Work was started on the replacement of a rebuilt boiler at the Easton Junior High School. Four roof top heating units were replaced at the high school. Replacement of the copper gutters at Town Hall was completed and the rehab of the wood fascias was started.

New swing sets were installed at Moreau Hall and Center School. A new wooden stairway was built at the Moreau Hall playground. A new classroom was constructed in the shop area of the Junior High School. The tennis court construction was completed at the high school and Unionville playground. A cement pad was placed around the new basketball court at the high school and the rail fencing was rebuilt.

Heating and electrical needs are the primary concern of Central Maintenance at all schools and Town buildings. A funded Capital Budget Program is desperately needed to maintain our aging infrastructure.

I would like to extend the appreciation of the Town to former Central Maintenance Superintendent Dick Hayes, who retired on August 17 after 8 years of service. I must commend the staff of Central Maintenance for all their dedication and cost savings ideas that have been implemented throughout the year: Manual Mendonca, Bruce Morse, William Groves, and Alfred Arthur.

If you have any inquiries or need to contact me, please call 1-508-238-3641 or e-mail me at wsouthworth@easton.ma.us

Respectfully Submitted
Wayne P. Southworth

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	73
Multiple Family Dwellings	4
Additions-Residential	158
Alterations-Residential	130
New Commercial	2
Additions-Commercial	9
Alterations-Commercial	42
Demolished Buildings	11
Signs	30
Temporary Signs	15
Swimming Pools	48
Roofs	92
Siding	33
Weights and Measures	0
Temporary Tents	38
Earth Removal	1
Wood Stoves	15
Yard Sales	119
Foundations	27
Temporary Trailer	1
Certificate of Inspectins	63
Certificate of Occupacy	47
TOTAL	958

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION **\$25,814,272**

Total Building Fees Collected **\$222,373.50**

Total Number of Daily Building Inspections **842**

Total Number of Wiring Fees Collected **\$38,459**

Total Number of Wiring Permits Issued **631**

Total Number of Gas Fees Collected **\$13,282**

Total Number of Gas Permits Issued **289**

Total Number of Plumbing Fees Collected **\$26,438**

Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued **341**

Total Number of Mechanical Fees Collected **\$ 1,030**

Total Number of Mechanical Permits Issued **17**

Total Fees Collected for the Year 2001 **\$301,582.50**

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Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Carol J. Mandeville, Building Department Secretary
D. Mark Trivett, C.B.O., Inspector of Buildings, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Albert K. Greiner, Electrical Inspector, Building and Zoning Inspector
Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Lee Harney, Board of Appeals Secretary
John F. Amorim, Assistant Electrical Inspector
Bart Carlson, Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Responsibilities:

- ☐ Provide highest level of service to protect and support residents and those doing business in Easton through effective enforcement of State Building Codes, Town By-laws and Division of Standards Regulations.
- ☐ Perform plan reviews and issue permits for building, plumbing, gas, electrical, roofing, siding, replacement windows, pools, signs, wood stoves, HVAC systems, fire protection systems and demolition work.
- ☐ Provide prompt, fair and accurate inspections related to each permit.
- ☐ Issue certificates of occupancy upon completion of a project.
- ☐ Inspect and certify buildings, businesses and occupancies related to annual licensing and code requirements.
- ☐ Investigate complaints and zoning violations. Determine zoning compliance.
- ☐ Weights and Measures Inspections.

The number of new single-family dwellings saw a slight increase to 73 units in the year 2001, largely due to construction getting under way on the first Adult Retirement Development and the first Open Space Residential Development. Residential additions and alterations were also up over the previous year. Total estimated cost of residential construction was \$20,770,308 in 2001 as compared to \$15,442,885 in 2000.

New commercial construction and additions experienced a downturn in 2001 as more businesses took out permits for alterations to existing buildings. Total estimated cost of commercial construction was \$5,043,964 in 2001, down from \$17,600,978 the preceding year.

Wiring, plumbing and gas permit revenue experienced a slight increase over the previous year. There was an increase in the number of permits overall, but the estimated cost of construction dropped from \$33,000,000 in the year 2000 to \$26,000,000 in 2001. Total Building Department fees collected rose from \$277,838 to \$301,582, which can be attributed to permit fee increases that became effective July 1st.

Again I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff as well as all Town Departments for their help and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett
Inspector of Buildings and Zoning

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit the following report for the Year 2001 for the Easton Planning & Zoning Board. The Board continues to work responsibly with administration and implementation of the Flexible Development Zoning By Laws adopted at Town Meeting in 2000. These particular zoning by-laws allow Adult Retirement Developments, Open Space Residential Developments, Residential Compounds, Estate Lots and Common Driveways. These creative land planning and growth management tools have assisted with meeting the following community objectives:

- Encouraging more environmentally sensitive development;
- Preserving larger tracts of open space within or adjacent to new developments;
- Preserving Easton's remaining rural character;
- Minimizing long-term operating costs to the town through the approval of more private ways;
- Reducing the number of driveway cuts on a way thereby minimizing any public safety threat.

The Planning and Zoning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority, approved or initiated the process for, ten (10) Flexible Development applications. This included five (5) separate common driveway applications which helped to reduce the number of access points to a public way. In addition, these common driveways limited the amount of existing vegetation needing to be altered or eliminated leaving a more rural character. Two (2) estate lots were approved which will allow the construction of fewer homes than would be possible in a conventional subdivision. One (1) Open Space Residential Development was approved in 2001 and another was initiated. This type of development presents an alternative to a conventional subdivision where open space can be preserved and sensitive resources protected while generally maintaining the same number of houses found in a conventional subdivision. Finally, one (1) Residential Compound application was approved in 2001. This type of development consists of larger lots (60,000 square foot average) with smaller, privately maintained roads. The net result being a smaller number of houses being built.

In addition to the ten (10) Special Permits granted under the Flexible Development Zoning By Laws, the Board approved three (3) Special Permits for use in the Aquifer Protection District. The conditions of approval set forth by the Board in its respective decisions ensure that safeguards are in place to protect the groundwater resources of the community while allowing for the expansion of the commercial tax base.

In 2001, the Board met a total of twenty-nine (29) times on Wednesday nights. The Board also had site walks or a special meeting at a proposed development five times during the year. In addition to the Special Permit Applications, the Board addressed Approval Not Required Plans, Preliminary Subdivision Plans, Definitive Subdivision Plans and Site Plan Applications.

Eighteen (18) "Form A – Approval Not Required Plans were endorsed. These plans represent potential building lots which have adequate frontage on an existing way that did not require approval under the Subdivision Control Law (MGL, Chapter 41). Some of these plans created new lots and others combined existing lots into one.

Two (2) Preliminary Subdivision Plans were submitted for review. They were Hearthstone Woods (11 lots) and Fairfield Drive (6 lots). Both applicants were encouraged to submit Open Space Residential Development applications under Section 7-15 of the Easton Zoning By Law. These recommendations if followed would allow for more environmentally sensitive use of the land

Two (2) Definitive Subdivision Plans were approved. They were: Tanglewood Estates II (58 lots) and Presidential Path (3 lots). Dorchester Brook, another Definitive Subdivision was initiated in conjunction with the related Open Space Residential Development application submitted to the Board as a Special Permit.

Thirteen (13) Site Plans were approved in 2001. They included: My Brother's Keeper – Washington Street; Roche Bros., Inc. – Washington Street; Lot 2 Lois Lane – Washington Street; Lot 2C Foundry Street (Viking Sheet Metal); Pharmasol- Norfolk Avenue; 163, 566, 612 and 694 Washington Street; Roosevelt Circle- Lot 2; 63 Eastman Street; 14 Bristol Drive and 417 Purchase Street.

Additional time was spent on the following types of business:

- Public Hearings – acceptance of streets
- Public Hearings – modification of previously approved definitive subdivision
- Public Hearings – amendments to the zoning map
- Release of Surety for completion of roadways and related improvements
- Recommendations on cases to be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Commenting on license renewal applications pending before the Board of Selectmen
- Providing staff support to the Wastewater Management Study Committee
- Participating in the update of the Open Space / Recreation Plan
- Serving on committees including the Community Preservation Committee, Wastewater Management Study Committee and Capital Planning Committee
- Working with developers to complete unfinished roads
- Administration related to implementation of special permit approvals

We are most fortunate to have the top quality staff that the Town has provided for the Planning and Zoning Board. Town Planner Marc R. Rousseau, AICP, and Jennifer Ann Benton are dedicated, hardworking professionals performing outstanding public service. In addition to them, the Planning and Zoning Board expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions for their cooperation and support and most importantly, to the citizens of Easton for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our statutory responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kone, Chairman
Colin W. Gillis, Esq., Clerk
William J. Meehan, P.E., Member
Mark S. Bartlett, P.E., Member
Christine M. Santoro, Esq., Member
Walter H. Johnson, Alternate Member

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To The Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

We, the members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following annual report for the year 2001.

The Board of Appeal's responsibilities are to hear applications filed for Special Permits, Variances and Administrative Appeals pursuant to Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws. Thirty two (32) petitions, comprised of fifteen (15) Variances; sixteen (16) Special permits; and one (1) Administrative Appeal were received by the Board of Appeals during the year, which in conformity with the law, were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

The board welcomes Alternate members, John Tupper and Charles King appointed in January and July consecutively of this year. In June, the Board of Selectmen reappointed Steven Johnson to a second term. These appointments bring the board to its full complement.

	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Special Permit</u>	<u>Administrative Appeal</u>
Petitions Granted	9	13	
Petitions Denied	2	1	1
Petitions Withdrawn/Dismissed	1	0	
Continued to 2002	3	2	

The Board wishes to recognize and commend all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance to the Board during the year.

The Board of Appeals Secretary can be reached at the Town Offices at (508)230-3425.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mirrione, Chairman
Brian T. O'Neill, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Stephen J. Pinzari, Clerk
Stephen A. Freitas
Steven Johnson
John Tupper, Alternate
Charles King, Alternate

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Easton:

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 2001.

Robert J. Kane was reelected to a three-year term at the annual election in April. David E. Gardner was elected Chairman. Staff included the Director of Public Health Wade D. Saucier, R.S., C.H.O., Health Inspector Kristin C. Kennedy, R.S., Administrative Assistant/Burial Agent JoAnne Pilz, Clerk/Burial Agent Teresa Wooding, Animal Inspector John D. Melin and Animal Inspector Elizabeth J. DeRosa. Mr. Saucier and Ms. Kennedy maintained their certification requirements for their State licenses by attending numerous professional education classes throughout the year. Mr. Kane attended an annual certification seminar for Boards of Health. This seminar educates Board members on public health issues and laws. Mr. Kane also attended classes to receive his ServSafe Certification on food safety.

Public Health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency of Attleboro. Chris Delano, RN, the town's contact nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The cumulative statistics for the 2001 calendar year as follows:

Total Immunizations, 889 residents. These include influenza immunizations, 787 residents; Mantoux Testing, 12 residents and town employees; Lead Level Screening, 0; Health Promotion Clinics, 473 residents; Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings, 282 residents for Blood Pressure, 131 residents for Blood Sugar and 60 total cholesterol screenings; Communicable Disease, 56 investigations and Maternal Child, 0 contacts. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to four providers. This year we provided a public health nurse for one hour each month, at town hall, for the general population. The nurse is available for Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar screenings and information.

The Board of Health's Tobacco Control Collaborative Program involving the towns of Raynham, Stoughton and West Bridgewater completed its fourth year. The Regional Services Group Tobacco Control Program (SERTO) was administered by Catherine L. Salisbury, Regional Public Administrator, Southeastern Regional Services Group. In Easton, compliance checks were performed for a total of 97 inspections. Fifteen stores were found to be in violation. The staff consists of one fulltime person, Darlene Habteh-Yimer, Deputy Program Director. The staff is required to educate the public and to perform compliance checks throughout the communities.

The rabies epizootic still exists in town. Preventative measures to protect your domestic pets are advised. In the spring of 2001, two rabies clinics were held, one in April and one in May for pet owners to vaccinate their pets. A total of 235 animals were vaccinated. The State of Massachusetts requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated for rabies.

The West Nile Virus has become a public health concern throughout the state. Domestic birds, especially the American Crow were used as indicators for the virus being present in communities. One hundred and five birds were transported to the State's Infectious Diseases Laboratory in Jamaica Plain, MA. Ten birds tested positive for the virus. The virus is passed on from the bird population to the mosquito and then to the mosquito's next hosts (human or animal) when she draws blood for her eggs to develop inside her.

There were 669 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Motel/Cabin/Trailer Park, 7; Caterers, 8; Disposal System Construction Permits, 193; Dumpster permits, 157; Dumpster Service, 9; Food Establishment Permits, 146; Funeral Directors, 3; Disposal Works Installer Permits, 62; Massage Permits, 21; Mobile Food Permits, 3; Non-Alcoholic Beverages, 1; Outdoor Facilities, 0; Swimming Pools, 11; Tanning Facilities, 0; Tobacco Permits, 28; Transport Offal, 20.

The office has logged 16 valid complaints from the general public.

The Board of Health met 25 times this year in public meeting forum.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Gardner, Chairman
Robert J. Kane
William A. Grimes

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 2001, the Conservation Commission held 82 public hearings and 80 continued public hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. Ch. 131, s. 40 and the Easton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton.

The number of enforcement actions taken by the Commission to resolve violations of the wetlands law, while not alarmingly large, is still greater than we would like to see. The Commission is grateful to those citizens and organizations which report violations. The Commission treats violations most seriously, and has issued restoration orders and imposed thousands in dollars of fines. The Commission will continue to vigorously enforce the wetlands laws of the Commonwealth and of the Town. At the same time, the Commission also attempts to work with individual home owners and citizens whose violations may be due to lack of knowledge, or are otherwise unintentional, so that the primary goal of public education as to the wetlands laws remains the main focus.

The Commission's open space land acquisition program continues. Acquisitions completed during this year just concluded include:

1. A gift of land from George M. Turner, III and Michelle J. Turner at 240 Poquanticut Avenue, consisting of 8.89 acres, which contains wetlands.
2. A gift of land from Stephen Churchill at 395R Depot Street, consisting of 5.57 acres and lays within an estimated wildlife habitat area.

During the year just concluded, Frederick W. Clark, Jr., resigned from the Commission after many years as a member and as vice chairman. We will miss Fred's knowledge, expertise, and wise counsel. We wish him well in his future endeavors. Patricia Somers was appointed to replace Mr. Clark. She brings a wealth of experience through her involvement with the Commission as an Associate Member, a role she filled for many years. The Commission was fortunate to be able to appoint Patricia A. Haederle as an Associate Member. Mrs. Haederle is the first hydro geologist to serve as a Commission associate member.

At conservationcommission.org, the web site of the Easton Conservation Commission, information can be found on the Commission's schedule and agenda. Also on the page are links to the text, related laws and regulations. Other links can be found to other town agencies and sites of interest. The Conservation Commission appreciates the efforts of our Vice-Chairman, Barry R. DunKley, in undertaking the time consuming task of creating and updating our web site. Among the recent additions is a brief question and answer format of information, so that the public can determine whether or not they need to contact the Commission regarding work they propose to undertake, and a chat format wherein questions can be asked of the Commission and responses received via email. Additional suggestions as to how this web site can be made more user friendly and more helpful are most welcome.

The wildlife study of Wheaton Farm has been completed, which, in conjunction with the forest management study also conducted, will give us much aid and expertise as we seek to better manage this jewel of open space within the town. Working with the Friends of Wheaton Farm, we plan to implement many of the goals and recommendations of this study, beginning in 2002.

The Community Preservation Act, now adopted by the Town in April 2001, will be of great use to the Town in providing funds for open space acquisition (including recreation land), historic preservation, and affordable housing uses. The Community Preservation Committee, chaired by former Selectman Patricia Hunt, is already up and working and its initial report should be ready for Town Meeting 2002.

The Commission continues to develop professionally in its understanding of wetlands law and regulations. Vice Chairman DunKley, and Member Gary Spurr have successfully completed the Fundamentals Training Program of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), and Member Patricia Somers is well on her way to doing the same. Chairman Sites continues to lecture in this training program. All members plan to participate in the Advanced Training Program of MACC to begin during 2002. The Commission is routinely asked to make presentations and to offer advice to other communities throughout the Commonwealth in wetlands law, open space protection, and the Community Preservation Act.

The Commission can be reached via email, through our website, or via phone at (508) 230-3349. Commission meetings are held on alternate Monday evenings, and the schedule is available on the web site. All meetings are open to the public, and all residents are encouraged to attend.

We are most fortunate in the top quality staff, which the Town has provided for the Commission. Conservation Secretary Janice Fowler, and Engineering Assistant Bob Dunn are the envy of Conservation Commissions throughout the state. In addition to them, the Commission expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions, and the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, for their cooperation and support, our legal counsel, and most importantly, to the Citizens of the Town of Easton, for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our tasks under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

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2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

During 2001, 180 veterans or their dependents received assistance through the Veterans' Benefits or the Veterans' Services Programs.

Through the Benefits Program, 11 veterans or dependents received \$54,280 in financial assistance with household expenses and/or medical bills under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws. This assistance program is open to low income Easton veterans or their dependents who meet the income and asset guidelines that are established by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services. The veterans' benefits issued by the Town of Easton during FY2001 were paid from local appropriation. The State will reimburse the Town for 75% of the veterans' benefits issued. In addition to this Benefits Program, Chapter 115 also provided an Annual Annuity of \$1,500 to 32 disabled veterans or their dependents for a total of \$48,000 that was paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Veterans' Services Department. Certain 100% service-connected disabled veterans, Gold Star parents, and Gold Star spouses, are eligible for this annuity program. Applications are available at this Veterans' Services Department.

During the past year the Veterans' Agent assisted 169 families through the Services Program, which is open to all Easton veterans or their dependents. The Veterans' Agent provided direct service or advocated on behalf of the veterans with various agencies for the assistance needed. Some veterans filed applications or submitted information to the Veterans Administration regarding healthcare, pensions or compensation claims. A number of veterans requested help in obtaining a copy of their service separation papers, form DD 214, or service medals and decorations. Veterans applied for fuel assistance or received help in filing for Social Security, SSI Disability or Mass Health benefits. Some sought help in obtaining property tax exemptions.

This Veterans Services Department worked with Oliver Ames High School principal, Mr. Wesley Paul, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Simmons and members of the School Committee, Mr. Phil Cardoza, Mr. Ernie Camara and members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to present Operation Recognition, which honored World War II veterans. This program awarded high school diplomas to 32 Easton veterans who left school and served honorably in the armed forces during World War II, but did not return to high school to graduate and receive their diploma.

In December, representatives from the American Legion and VFW met with the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen to encourage them to hire a full-time Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officer. Mr. Stephen Nolan was appointed to this new position and he began work in January 2002. It has been an honor and privilege to have served Easton's veterans and their dependents during the past nineteen years and I offer my sincere good wishes to Mr. Nolan as he takes over the Veterans' Services Department and expands services for our veterans and their dependents. I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, members of the American Legion Post #7, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 2547 and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores M. Kent
Veterans' Agent

**2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH
ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Easton:

I respectfully submit the following report for the year 2001.

Quarantine Confinements: 9 cats. These are pets that have been exposed to rabies as a result of exposure to wildlife or high-risk domestic animals. These were pets that were brought to the veterinarians for wounds of unknown origin

There were 16 Animal Bites. These include 1 cat, 1 raccoon, 1 rat and 13 dogs.

WEST NILE VIRUS:

We experienced our first encounter with West Nile Virus in town. In a matter of a couple of months, we picked up 118 birds that had died. Many were crows and blue jays. The birds were sent to the Infectious Disease Lab at the Massachusetts Department of Health. Ten birds tested positive for the virus.

RABIES EPIZOOTIC:

The Rabies Virus is still present and seems to be getting more active. Twenty-eight animals, 10 cats, 7 skunks, 4 bats, 4 raccoons, 1 woodchuck, 1 dog and 1 fox, were submitted to the State Lab Virology Division for testing. Eight animals; 3 raccoons, 3 skunks, 1 cat and 1 fox, tested positive for Rabies. Therefore, I want to emphasize the importance of keeping your pet's rabies vaccination up to date.

There were 222 dead animals; 47 cats, 40 deer, 34 skunks, 21 raccoons, 16 opossums, 22 squirrels, 13 foxes, 7 dogs, 2 woodchucks, 9 bats, 2 hawks, 2 chipmunks, 2 pigeons, 1 sea gull, 1 goose, 2 rabbits and 1 coyote.

ANIMAL INSPECTION:

Cattle: 6 dairy, 29 beef, 2 oxen; 24 goats; 22 sheep; 64 swine; 37 horses, 2 ponies; 70 chickens, 12 waterfowl, and 8 rabbits.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Health, Director Wade D. Saucier, Adm. Asst. JoAnne Pilz and secretary Teresa Wooding. Thanks also to the Town Administrator, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Police, Fire, and the Department of Public Works. The continued support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Melin,
Animal Inspector

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and Citizens of Easton:

The Historical Commission continues its efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect Easton's historic and archaeological resources, an ever difficult battle given the level of development in town. The Commission works cooperatively with the town's other, commissions, boards and committees to monitor and help control the negative effects change can bring to Easton's historic identity. The Commission thanks these groups and individuals as well as the Board of Selectman for their understanding and support in our efforts to preserve Easton's unique historic character.

One project requiring a tremendous amount of time from the Commission in 2001 was opposition to a communications tower in the heart of the North Easton National Register Historic District. A precedent-setting court decision in the town's favor supported our opposition, but negotiations continue to settle the matter.

As holders of an historic preservation restriction on the Lincoln Street School, we remain involved in monitoring development of that project and look forward to similar involvement as the North Easton Grammar School moves into private hands in 2002.

During the past year members of the Commission were active on several other boards and committees of the town. Ed Hands sits on the Community Preservation Act Committee, Gloria Stafford on the Fly-Away Pond Committee, Melanie Deware on the Cemetery Commission, and Barry DunKley on the Conservation Commission.

Major accomplishments this year include the receipt of two grants: a Survey and Planning grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission with which we are surveying the Eastondale and Jenny Lind neighborhoods, and a Heritage Landscape Inventory grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management (DEM). Selection for these grants is testament to the value of Easton's historic resources. These projects will be completed in 2002. The Commission continues involvement in the restoration of the Rockery, a long-term project funded by the DEM, which will hopefully begin physical work in 2002.

Again this year the Commission presented awards. The Unity Church Window Restoration Committee was awarded the Clement Briggs Award for their excellent work preserving nationally-significant LaFarge windows. Artist Mary Bodio received the W.L. Chaffin Award for her long-time service to the preservation and recognition of historic Easton. The Commission also hosted a photography contest for Easton students.

Signs indicating the names of several historic intersections in town were prepared in 2001. These signs will help assure the survival of long-standing names in town.

In 2001 the Commission welcomed member Melanie Deware as long-time member Frank Menino moved to an Associate Member position. The Commission also welcomed Cathy Adler as an Associate Member.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory J. Galer, Ph.D., Chairman
John Ventresco, Vice Chairman
Melanie Deware
Edmund C. Hands

Robert Babineau
Barry R. DunKley
Gloria J. Stafford

www.historiccommission.org

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Easton,

The Easton Recreation Department concluded a most exciting and ambitious year despite wholesale budget reductions necessitated by the fiscal crisis meeting the Town.

The annual deficit of the Town Pool was reduced dramatically leading to the possibility of a breakeven proposition in 2002. Easton resident and Providence College student, Elizabeth Nolan served admirably as the Pool Director. The Easton Recreation Commission received numerous commendations about pool operations including the outstanding quality of our swimming lesson program headed by Ms. Nolan.

The Easton Summer Tennis Program conducted by Head Oliver Ames Tennis Coach Michael Mowatt experienced a dramatic increase in revenue (surplus) and youth participation. Due to Mr. Mowatt's expertise over 200 youngsters participated, an increase from 30 participants from the year prior.

The "Summer Slam" youth basketball program increased to over 500 youngsters. This summer program traditionally conducted on Monday evenings will be forced to expand to another evening this summer. The overwhelming growth and success of the program is due to many factors but the wisdom of the 1994 special town meeting appropriating \$28,000.00 for the construction of the outdoor lighted project illustrates funds well spent in pursuit of outstanding recreational programs. Literally thousands of residents enjoy the use of this facility annually including physical education classes at Oliver Ames and Easton Junior High.

The new Camp Frothingham summer concept was a huge success in both activities offered and participation. The Easton Recreation Commission (ERC) commends the Frothingham Board of Directors and Park Superintendent Mr. Robert Wooster for accommodating the ERC summer goals. Approximately 400 youngsters attended the program, which featured a return to Frothingham Park for summer recreation activities after some years of under utilization.

Frothingham Park continued to be our venue for our Summer Concert series. The objective of our 2002 series will be to improve publicity and develop a consistently high quality of performers.

The T-Ball League grew to 300 youngsters ages 5-7 and continues to be quite popular with the town. The mission in the upcoming years will be to upgrade field conditions for this program.

"Children's Track Meets" conducted at Val Muscato Stadium on Thursday summer evenings continues to be very well attended. The Coed Volleyball program conducted at Oliver Ames on Thursday evenings enters its 12th season and is poised for expansion due to the exemplary efforts of Mark Peterson and Peter DeCenso. John Annand continues to conduct an excellent Men's Basketball League conducted on Sunday evenings.

The passage of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) remains an enormous possibility for the acquisition of open land for the purposes of furthering, and improving, the recreational opportunities for our citizens. A review of meetings conducted by the CPA committee during 2001 indicates a strong acceptance and understanding of the recreational needs of the town and; the committee appears to be quite receptive to using CPA funds as a vehicle to both maintain open space and accommodate recreation simultaneously.

Special kudos are extended to Hazel Varella who continues to organize and produce our Recreational Calendar, distributed in September, which remains a superb community informational and contact resource.

A new running program conducted at the Easton Junior High School prospered under the tutelage of teachers Mark Murphy and Doug DiPaulo. The program was held in conjunction with the Hugs Afterschool Program. The Afterschool Program conducted by Officer Denise Papagno is due to be administered by Recreation commencing in the fall of 2002.

Other new programs being contemplated for the upcoming year include a smorgasbord of activities including youth boxing, youth wrestling, coed summer softball league, youth lacrosse, and NFL Flag Football league.

The ERC desires to thank the substantial army of volunteers that contributed to the success of the past year; and additionally extends its gratitude to the Easton School System for its assistance in providing facility space for recreation. Particular appreciation in this regard is extended to Mr. James Mitchell, Director of Athletics and Dr. William Simmons, Superintendent Of Easton Public Schools.

A super special thanks to Chris Hutchinson who volunteered countless hours during the year in addition to serving as a Program Director for the T-Ball League, Summer Slam, Men's Summer Basketball League and Camp Frothingham.

We would be remiss without thanking Stonehill College and The Southeastern Regional School system for its critical role in serving our young people.

Respectfully submitted,

Creighton G. Muscato
Recreation Director

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 2001, the Council on Aging reached out to the 3,000 elderly residents of Easton through our monthly newsletter that was mailed or delivered to each elderly household and through articles in the local newspapers. In addition to mailing the newsletter, the Council provided direct service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach to our elderly residents.

We transported elders and handicapped residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers and to the community building at Parker Terrace for Council on Aging programs on either our lift-equipped shuttle vans or with one of our volunteers. We also connected with the Brockton Area Transit, Dial-a-Bat service, for transportation to Boston area medical appointments.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. The Area Agency on Aging nutritionist gave nutrition workshops and a trained nurse from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided preventive foot care at twice-monthly clinics. We were also able to hold hearing screenings and minor hearing-aid repair clinics once a month. We are grateful to the Easton Lions Club for their Eye Mobile health screening and cookout that took place in September and for donating a special Talking Information Center radio receiver to the Council for use by our elderly residents who have vision loss. We were also able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program with funding from Stonehill College and we are truly grateful for their support of our elderly programs.

Seniors participated in recreational programs including board games, bowling, bridge, ceramics, crafts, cribbage, knitting, line dancing, painting, and quilting. Many traveled with us on day trips and overnight tours. We are grateful to the Recreation Commission for the Summer Barbecue they provided in the Community Center at Parker Terrace for our elderly residents.

We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly. Dwayne Farrell, our volunteer coordinator, recruited volunteers to help with a variety of programs and he coordinated the volunteer recognition luncheon in June. We appreciated Mr. Farrell's hard work on behalf of the Council and our volunteers, and were sorry to see him leave us at the end of June to pursue other endeavors. The position was not filled for the remainder of the year due to budget cutbacks in light of the override failure.

Children from Moreau Hall Elementary School continued to make beautifully decorated place mats for monthly luncheon celebrations. Teens from the Restaurant Skills Class at Oliver Ames High School made special treats for many of those celebrations as well as Thanksgiving Dinners and cookies, which we delivered to many elderly residents who were alone during the holidays. High school students, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Churchill taught our senior citizens how to use computers and the Internet. Stonehill College students and faculty assisted frail elderly homeowners with garden cleanup and household chores on their annual "Stonehill Gives Back" day last Spring.

Our outreach coordinator made home visits to elders and arranged a variety of home care services for those in need by working with local social services agencies, volunteer groups, and private homemakers. Staff members helped fuel assistance applicants, issued senior citizens ID cards, and completed Bay State Gas discount cards.

We would like to thank the Easton Housing Authority for the use of their community buildings for our Council on Aging programs. We have appreciated their cooperation over the years, but it has become apparent that the Town needs a Senior Center for our 3000 elderly residents. The Council on Aging provides service in three different locations and are unable to offer some programs due to lack of space and parking. Because this service delivery is fragmented, the Council on Aging has moved forward in the development of a Senior Center to meet the needs of our elderly. Funds were allocated at the annual town meeting for a feasibility study and design development plans for a Senior Center. Unfortunately, these funds had to be reallocated to the Council on Aging budget to save the transportation program from elimination when the override failed. Despite this setback, we will continue to seek ways for a Senior Center to be built in Easton.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our elderly services and programs and look forward to working with town officials and community members as we strive to meet the needs of our elderly residents.

Respectfully submitted:

- Francis Spillane, Chairman
- Phyllis Kiessling, Vice-chairman
- Elizabeth Verity, Secretary
- Marie Healey
- Ethel Pomerleau
- Nicolina Previti
- Christine Quinn
- Dolores Kent, Director

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Easton,

We replaced six monuments at the Thomas Keith Cemetery on Bay Road.

We cleaned, repaired, straightened, reset and sealed monuments at the Elijah Howard Cemetery on Prospect Street.

We welcome Melanie Deware as an Associate member.

Our thanks go out to the DPW Maintenance Department for the cleaning and mowing of all the Town cemeteries.

We express our thanks to all Town officials and the citizens of Easton for their continuous support which enables us to care for and maintain our cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin, Chairman

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

Responsibility – the World War Memorial Committee administers the World War Memorial Scholarship fund in honor and in memory of the veterans of the United States Armed Forces. For future information, please contact the Town Administrator's Office and you will be referred to the member of the Committee most familiar with your concern.

The Committee held the annual meeting on May 16, 2001, in the guidance office of the Oliver Ames High School, to evaluate the applications for scholarships.

On the odd numbered years, an academic scholarship is awarded to a student attending an accredited college. The award will be paid annually, subject to evidence of successful academic achievement. The year 2001 scholarship was awarded to:

Stacey Jones, who will attend Northeastern University

The 1999 scholarship award to Angela Santos, attending Boston University will be continued.

Three vocational grants were awarded to students pursuing a course of study that requires special books, tools, and other supplies. The recipients for the year 2001 were:

Michael Clark who will attend U-Mass Dartmouth

Scott White who will attend the Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Brian Coe who will attend Merrimack College

We offer our thanks to Bill Sullivan and Elayne Mahoney for their interest, advice and assistance and to Cynthia Curry for administering the scholarship fund.

The Committee members have agreed that they would like to increase the amount of the academic award and request that donations be made in honor of our Veterans and for the benefit of the students of Oliver Ames High School.

Thank you to the members of the Committee and congratulations to the recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Hurley, Chairman
John Melin
Robert McLaughlin
Chairman, School Committee

Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Commander, American Legion

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES FREE LIBRARY – EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Ames Free Library – Easton's Public Library is responsible for providing library services to the residents of Easton. These services include answering reference and research questions, providing materials in a variety of formats such as written, video, CD, and on-line to use in the buildings and to borrow. Residents may access the library via its WEB site (www.amesfreelibrary.org) or browse the OPAC (on-line Public Access Catalog) from their homes (sailsinc.org). 13,096 residents hold current library cards making the library the most actively used department in town. Easton residents may obtain a library card free of charge. This card gives the user access to over sixty-four public, college, and special libraries in the area as well as the Ames Free Library in the SAILS network.

A Board of Directors, made up of nine persons is responsible for the policies under which the library operates. Currently, five are chosen by the Board of Selectmen and four are chosen by the Building and Endowment Corporation. All serve three year staggered terms. Funding for the library comes from the Town of Easton, private endowments, and from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The library is in two locations. A branch library is located on Depot Street at Whistlestop Village. Although small, this facility is handicapped accessible. The Main library is at 53 Main Street and is housed in an historic H.H. Richardson building. Total collections number 52,000 items with 142 magazine subscriptions. There are twelve Internet terminals for public use.

In calendar year 2001, the Ames Free Library circulated 99,280 items compared to 2000's 81,856 items or an increase of 23%. Contrary to what some predicted, the library is increasing its business of materials circulation because of the computers. More people search the catalog from home and request materials than ever before.

Children's programs continue to attract visitors. The Summer Reading Program drew more children than in previous summers and almost 200 children completed the program. There were nine programs presented in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program. Storytellers, magicians, and puppeteers were among the presenters. These programs are made possible through the Stonehill College Enrichment Fund.

The Fanny Holt Ames event this year was an illustrated talk by world famous author/illustrator David Macaulay. Over 200 people of all ages enjoyed this event at Stonehill College. Although the funds would support more such programs, the library lacks space in which to hold them.

Construction of an addition and renovation of the main building moves slowly. More delaying tactics by a small group of residents continue to try to stop the project. This year they have brought up environmental issues. These delays cost time and money while further thwarting library services for the residents.

Computer upgrades began this year in both the branch and main libraries. Most of the terminals were over six years old and were breaking down regularly. Assistant Director Madeline Miele Holt installed the new computers. SAILS installed a T1 line for those computers not on AT&T Broadband. All units are now able to respond faster.

The staff has continued to give outstanding service, especially to students doing school projects and they continue to take advantage of professional training. Easton Teachers have been helpful by faxing the library assignments as soon as they are given out to the students.

In spite of overcrowding and Dickensian working conditions, everyone makes this library a welcoming place. We thank other departments, especially the DPW and police departments, for their assistance in helping us to serve the residents of Easton. Most of all, we appreciate the work of the Board of Directors for their tireless efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Annalee Bundy
Executive Director

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2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES TRUST FUNDS

Following is a financial summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the schools and highways of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2001, including an estimate of the 2002 income to be paid to the Town. The estimate of expected income for 2002 may seem conservative especially when compared to payments made in previous years. However, there is no question that the United States economy is in a recession with the result that corporate earnings are generally under pressure. Consequently the ability of corporations to increase or even maintain dividend payments will be constrained. Of even more importance during the past year the Federal Reserve has made eleven interest rate reductions in an effort to revive the economy. Therefore the proceeds from maturing bonds in the fund portfolios can only be reinvested at significantly lower rates of return which will have an adverse effect on fund income.

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>12/31/01 Market Value</u>	<u>2001 Income Paid to Town</u>	<u>2002 Estimate Income to Town</u>
Highways Fund	\$1,189,778.25	\$5,497,339.79	\$183,163.00	\$150,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	164,998.66	227,986.72	5,754.75	4,000.00
Schools Fund	3,168,195.11	4,678,802.51	149,099.69	110,000.00

Detailed accounts for the three funds for the year ended December 31, 2001 will be provided shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver F. Ames
Trustee

**2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION**

INCOME

Investment income

William Hadwen Ames Trust	
Hobart Ames Trust	
Oakes Angier Ames Trust	3,249.00
Investments (equities)	<u>8,000.00</u>
Sub-total	\$11,249.00

Operating income

Rentals (net of deposit returns)	<u>12,780.00</u>
Sub-total	\$12,780.00

Other income

Music Series	24,118.00
Private Donations	<u>4,350.00</u>
Sub-total	\$ 28,468.00

Total Income

\$52,497.00

EXPENSES

Operating expenses

Utilities :	4,762.00
Gas, Telephone, Electric, Oil, Water	
Salaries :	
Rental Agent, Custodians, Secretary,	
Cleaning	9,826.00
Sprinkler system maintenance	292.00
Insurance	448.00
Miscellaneous maintenance	<u>2,500.00</u>
Sub-total	\$17,828.00

Capital expenses

Miscellaneous building improvements	<u>7,000.00</u>
Sub-total	\$ 7,000.00

Other expenses

Music Series	<u>24,897.00</u>
Sub-total	\$24,897.00

Total Expense

\$49,725.00

Net Income (deficit)

(\$ 2,772.00)

The slowing economy had its impact on the Hall's 2001 financial performance with operating income (rentals) down 20% to \$12,780.00 net. Allowing for no holiday dance operating expenses remain virtually unchanged from 2000. There were no significant capital expenses. The music series this year had fewer concerts. As before, the series was a breakeven operation that attracted a good deal of favorable attention to the Hall. The physical condition of the Hall is sound. We plan to start masonry repairs as part of the brownstone study project this spring. The trustees wish to thank town residents for their continued support of this National Historic Landmark.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2001.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Area Agency on Aging by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for the coordination of economic development activities within the OCPC District; and, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region. We are proud that the Old Colony Planning Council is the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socioeconomic information.

In 2001, the Council completed the Regional Transportation Plan that serves as an overall planning guide, which identifies transportation project needs, in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years. It includes information on regional profile, regional transit, freight/goods movement, highways, rail, bicycle, pedestrians, air and water transportation, environmental, financial summary and the relationships between them. The Regional Policy Plan was also completed and distributed to member communities. The OCPC Plan serves as a guide to municipal officials in directing local planning efforts and is also consistent with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020, An Agenda for the Future. During this year, the Council also continued to work on Local Comprehensive Plans, Executive Order 418, Route 106 Corridor Study, and with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020 program and the Brockton Area Coalition for the Homeless to address uncontrolled sprawl, promote a high quality of life, more efficient use of public resources, and enhance private investment opportunities.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2001, the Council elected David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as President of OCPC; Joseph E. Faraca of Brockton as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Pat Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council. The Council would like to thank the past President *Eldon F. Moreira* for his leadership, support and commitment to Old Colony Planning Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Stephen Baker; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Phyllis Hancock for their dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Marie Kent-Joyce, Delegate
Stephen J. Donahue, Alternate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Easton. The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for fiscal year 2001.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

The OCPC-AAA is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding elder services under the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input from the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a network of services and programs to serve the unmet needs of elders from throughout the region. In fiscal year 2001, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding to various service provider agencies for the following types of program and services:

- *Multi-Purpose Senior Center Services
- *Mental Health Services
- *Personal Care & Respite
- *Transportation
- *Services for Disabled Elders
- *Legal Services
- *Emergency Intervention Service
- *Nutrition Education and Counseling
- *Senior Employment Program
- *Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
- *Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

The OCPC-AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. Committee members from each of the 23 communities assist the AAA in assessing elder needs in the region, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantee funding awards to the Planning Council. The support and cooperation of the Delegates and Alternates and their respective communities is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The OCPC-AAA also wishes to extend sincere thanks to Committee Chairwoman Phyllis Hancock of Brockton and Vice-Chairwoman Josephine Hatch of Pembroke for their leadership during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Kiessling, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The Committee spent the first few months of 2001 making final modifications requested by DEP to the Scope and State Revolving Fund application for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). After approval by DEP in June 2001, the Committee began the CWMP process, which will culminate in a long-term plan for wastewater management and will recommend solutions to address specific wastewater disposal needs of the Town. Technical reports on Existing and Future Conditions have been prepared by our engineering firm, edited by the committee and posted in our home page on the Town web-site. At year-end, the process was in the midst of the next phase, Wastewater Needs Analysis, which is to identify areas of the Town that may not be able to continue to rely on conventional wastewater management (i.e. septic) systems.

Following the Needs Analysis early next year, potential wastewater treatment and disposal options will be screened and evaluated for those that are best suited to meet the unique and diverse needs of the Town. A detailed plan will then be formulated by the end of 2002 that incorporates preliminary design criteria, financing and an implementation schedule.

A public information plan was also developed and initiated, which included press releases, tax-mailing inserts, distribution of brochures, postings on the Town web-site and future public meetings.

Special thanks to the "Resources" of the Committee, Barry DunKley (Conservation Commission and web-site guru), Jack Marsh (Water Dept.) and Marc Rousseau (Town Planner).

CONTACT: wmsc@easton.ma.us

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Margulies, Chairman
Mary Ellen Radovanic, Vice Chairman
Ronald Lawson, Secretary
Mark Bartlett
Kenneth Carlson
Daniel M. Crane
Robert Kane

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton,

The Flyaway Pond Restoration Committee was formed for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of, and developing plans and specifications for the restoration of Flyaway Pond. Our efforts this year focused on the review and revisions to the final version of the Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") for this project.

The ENF compares and evaluates five alternatives for the restoration of the pond, which discusses; achievement of design goals, costs, and likelihood of approval. These alternatives ranged from the "do-nothing" approach to the full restoration of Flyaway Pond.

The Committee continues to favor a design alternative that would restore a majority of the pond, has the highest possibility of success, and involves the lowest estimated cost of the alternatives reviewed. The next milestone for this project is to present the Easton Conservation Commission with the ENF and gain their endorsement to submit the completed application to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA") guidelines.

During this past year, the Committee experienced two changes in membership. Ms. Patricia Somers has been appointed to our Committee as the representative from the Easton Conservation Commission. Ms. Somers takes over the role as liaison between the Easton Conservation Commission and our committee (formerly performed by Mr. Barry DunKley). Speaking for the entire Committee, I thank Mr. DunKley for his enthusiasm, dedication, positive contributions, and his active role as a member and we look forward to continue working with Barry throughout this project with Mr. DunKley's increased role on the Easton Conservation Commission. Ms. Gloria Stafford takes over the role as representative from the Easton Historical Commission.

Speaking for the entire committee, we welcome both Ms. Somers, and Ms. Stafford and look forward to a positive conclusion of this project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan D. Roscoe, P.E., Chairman
Phil Barske, Ph.D., Vice Chairman
Paul A. Marino, Clerk
Paul Fruzzetti
Patricia Somers
Gloria Stafford

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of Easton:

The Easton Housing Authority is pleased to present this report of the Easton Housing Authority for 2001.

The Authority continues to maintain full occupancy at our State-Aided Elderly and Family housing developments as well as the 101 Housing Choice Vouchers under the federally funded Section 8 Rental Assistance program.

The Authority houses nearly 200 elderly and disabled individuals in its' 184 one bedroom units at Parker Terrace and Elise circle. Additionally ten families are housed in units at Chandler Way and various other locations throughout Town.

Probably the most beneficial and often misunderstood program that the Authority administers is the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. This program allows low income individuals and families to secure rental housing with the assistance of the Authority in the form of support and rental subsidies. This program needs the cooperation and participation of local landlords and property owners to maintain its' continued success. Even owners of single family houses can assist with this program. The greatest benefit to a participating owner is the guarantee of rental payments, usually a major portion which is paid by the Authority directly to the owner. Additional benefits include an inspection of the property annually which detects problems that may later become costly repairs or problems if left undetected and mediation services for tenant vs. landlord disputes. The added benefit of assisting a family in need is that in most cases the family is grateful for the opportunity and becomes an excellent tenant. Any property owner interested in receiving more information can contact the Authority's office at 508-238-4747 between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 4:30p.m.

The Authority maintains an open waiting list for all of its programs. Applications can be sent via mail or picked up in the office at Parker Terrace in North Easton. Income limits range from \$32,300 for one person to \$49,850 for a family of five. Easton residents continue to receive a preference on all waiting lists. Currently Easton residents would wait six months to a year for elderly/disabled housing and three to five years for family or Section 8 housing. Authority personnel are always happy to assist with questions, assistance or support. Please call our office at 508-238-4747 between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 4:30p.m. for more information.

The Community Rooms at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle are available for the Council on Aging use at a Senior Center and to host the congregate meals and Meals on Wheels program through Old Colony Elderly Services. Our residents at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle were the fortunate beneficiaries of the generosity of the Lions and Leo Clubs computer education programs, including the establishment of computer workstations at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle.

Our gratitude is extended to the Town, residents, staff and friends of the Authority for support and assistance all year.

Daniel Crane, Chairman
Sylvia Gardner, Vice-Chairman
Sandra Conant, Treasurer
June Brousseau, Assistant Treasurer
Michael Malloy, Clerk
Susan Horner, Executive Director

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The contribution of this committee, combined with adequate funding for building maintenance and the professional expertise of staff and consultants, should yield dramatic improvements to the Town's buildings over the coming years.

The September 1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee were designated as: to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at \$50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings, to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

The committee negotiated the contract for the Board of Selectmen for the hiring of expert consulting services required to develop long term plans for all Town buildings. The firm selected was The H. L. Turner Group Inc. of Concord, New Hampshire. This firm is comprised of Architects, Engineers, Building Scientists, and Construction Managers. The Municipal Building Committee facilitated the process of preparing a ten-year overview of the needs of our schools and several of the town buildings. Currently the financial estimate is around \$98 million. Included in this ten year overview are the additions to the High School and the Junior High School proposed by the School Planning Committee based on their space and program study, renovations and upgrades to the basic building infrastructure of the elementary, middle, junior high and high schools, and to all the municipal buildings.

The Municipal Building Committee organized and facilitated the presentation of the original H. L. Turner report, which did not include Town Hall, the results of the Fire Study and only included preliminary estimates for the High School and Junior High School additions, to: the School Committee, the School Site Planning Committee, and the Board of Selectmen. Other town committees such as Capital Planning and Finance were able to have members available during these presentations.

We are in the process of preparing a final update to the Board of Selectmen and other Town Committees that will include all current information on all schools and municipal buildings.

We will continue working with the DPW Director on specific projects over \$50,000 and with the Capital Planning committee on a more comprehensive process.

The Municipal Building Committee has established a monthly meeting schedule. The time, location and agenda are posted at Town Hall and visitors are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail D. Tuominen, Chair
Lenny Altieri
Marc Brockman
Ken Carlson
Robert Langway
Paul Mullen
Henry Narsasian

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

We are pleased to submit this first report of the Community Preservation Committee of the Town of Easton.

In the spring of 2001, the Voters of the Town of Easton voted to accept the Community Preservation Act. The Community Preservation Act was passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor in September of 1999, to provide dedicated funding to participating communities for the acquisition and preservation of open space, historic resources and community housing. The funding is provided both locally, through a real estate tax surcharge, and through a statewide registry of deeds surcharge, the funds of which are distributed to participating communities as matching funds. Once the Community Preservation Act is accepted by the voters in a community, the community is eligible to receive the state matching funds. The law provides for three rounds of funds distributions. Every community that adopts the CPA is eligible for funds in the first round; however, only those communities that enact the 3% surcharge are eligible for the funds in the second and third distributions. By voting to enact a 3% surcharge, the Town of Easton is eligible for all three rounds of funds distributions, thus, maximizing the possibility of the state matching funds. The state match can be as much as 100% of the total amount raised by a local community, depending upon how much revenue is collected by the state and how many local communities have accepted the Act and are participating in the distributions. Easton also adopted two surcharge exemptions: an exemption for the first \$100,000 of assessed value for every residence; and an exemption for property owned and occupied by qualified lower income persons. As of the November, 2001 elections, 36 Massachusetts communities had passed the Community Preservation Act. State matching funds are calculated in October of each year and are based upon the amounts collected by the Commonwealth and eligible communities during the fiscal year ending the preceding June 30. Easton started collecting CPA funds on July 1, 2001.

After the Town of Easton accepted the Community Preservation Act, the voters at Town Meeting passed a warrant article to form the Community Preservation Committee. Each city or town that accepts the CPA must form such a committee. The CPA Committee is comprised of representatives from town boards and commissions and citizens-at-large. The primary purpose of the CPA Committee is to make recommendations to town meeting (the town's legislative body) for the expenditure of funds collected for the CPA's purposes of open space preservation, conservation or recreation purposes, historic preservation and community housing. CPA funds can be spent only through a town meeting vote.

Last summer, pursuant to the town meeting vote, the Community Preservation Committee was formed. The Selectmen appointed four citizens to serve on Easton's CPA Committee together with the representatives of the various town boards and commissions that the CPA law designates to serve on the Committee. Those citizens were James D. Mullen, Jr., former selectman, former member of the Finance Committee and present member of the Water Advisory Commission; Michael Boyle, member of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee and former member of the Finance Committee; Creig Muscato, Recreation Director; and Patricia Hunt, former selectwoman and former member of the Finance Committee. John Grant serves on the CPA committee as the representative of the Easton Conservation Commission. Edmund Hands serves on the Committee for the Easton Historical Commission. Christopher Kone, chairman of the Easton Planning and Zoning Board, serves on the Committee for the PZB; Daniel Crane, former director of the Old Colony Planning Council and chairman of the Easton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, serves on the Committee as the EHA representative; and Stephen Torrey, chairman of the Easton Recreation Commission, serves on the CPA Committee as Recreation's representative. As with most town boards and committees, the CPA committee members are volunteers and not paid. Collectively, the committee members provide the Committee with an understanding of Easton's landscape and rich history which will better enable the Committee to perform its duties.

The CPA Committee's duties include studying the "needs, possibilities and resources" of the town regarding community preservation. To accomplish this task, over the past few months, the CPA Committee has engaged in a series of meetings with various town groups to determine the town's goals and needs over the next five to ten years, and longer. The Committee has, thus far, heard presentations from the Recreation Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning and Zoning Board, and the Housing Authority. The Committee has also reviewed the town's recently updated Open Space and Recreation Plan and the needs and goals set forth in that Plan. The Committee has reviewed a number of town maps that illustrate the landscape and other features of the town, including locations of wetland areas, existing conservation lands, and special landscape features. The Committee believes that, especially in this first year of its existence, it is important to review and consider relevant information from all sources and that it should build upon the already-existing work and recommendations of other town committees with regard to community preservation issues.

The Committee also tries to keep in mind the reasons that Easton passed the Community Preservation Act. Those reasons include Easton's long-standing record of supporting conservation and open space preservation; its support for providing recreational opportunities for Easton's children; its pride in, and support for, preservation of Easton's historic resources; its value of Easton's rural beginnings and desire to preserve some of its remaining scenic vistas, special places and landmarks for future generations. Easton passed the Community Preservation Act because it had the foresight to know that once Easton's treasures are gone, they are gone forever. Easton's citizens also had the foresight to understand that the Community Preservation Act was an opportunity to access state funding to preserve the things that comprise Easton's character and contribute to our quality of life. Another reason for support of the Community Preservation Act was a more basic, financial reason. As stated in the growth handbook issued by the Mass Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), open space is generally more beneficial fiscally (or less costly) to a municipality than single family residences. In other words, open space does not require the services from a community that houses require.

When we invited the above committees to come before us, we asked each group to share its ideas and opinions with us regarding the town's current and projected community preservation needs and we asked how they thought CPA funds should be spent. After listening to their presentations, the Committee is coming to the realization that Easton's needs are many. For example, the Recreation Commission has indicated that, due to growth in population and increasing interest and after projecting for future needs, the town will need, among other things, four to five additional neighborhood playgrounds or park areas and two to three additional 15-acre parcels of land for fields. We also learned that there are probably only three or four such 15-acre parcels remaining in town that would have the potential for use as playing fields. After considering this and other information, the Committee is also coming to what may be an obvious conclusion when it comes to recreational land and playing fields: that it would be in the best interests of the town to follow a "no net loss" policy. In other words, the town should not exacerbate the need for playing fields by relinquishing the fields or playgrounds (or open space, for that matter) that we do have. At a time when new fields and playgrounds are being sought to accommodate increasing current needs and projected future needs, it is important to maintain our existing fields and lands. Fields are too costly to develop and, further, finding an appropriate site is becoming next to impossible. As more and more open space is lost to development, a "no net loss" policy becomes more important as options for field locations, playgrounds and other community land uses are increasingly eliminated.

The CPA Committee will be holding a public hearing in March, probably before this report is published in the Annual Town Report. The purpose of the hearing, which will be advertised in the newspaper, is for the Committee to listen to the views, thoughts and ideas of Easton residents on community preservation issues. We would be very interested to hear your thoughts and ideas on these issues. Do you have an opinion on what the Committee should consider when reviewing spending proposals? Do you have an opinion on how the CPA funds should be spent? Do you know of a special place or project that should be considered for CPA funding? As previously stated, CPA funds can only be spent for CPA purposes through a town meeting vote. They are your funds; we'd like to hear your ideas. Our meetings are open to the public and you can write to us at the Easton Town Offices.

In closing, we want to thank Martha White, Assistant Town Administrator and staff person assigned to assist the CPA Committee, for her ongoing assistance to us and, also, the Town Accountant, Wendy Nightingale, for her assistance with the accounting issues. We also want to thank the people of Easton for passing the Community Preservation Act and for allowing us the opportunity to serve you on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Hunt, Chair, for the Committee
James D. Mullen, Jr., Vice Chair
John Grant, Clerk
Michael Boyle
Daniel Crane
Edmund Hands
Christopher Kone
Creig Muscato
Stephen Torrey

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 2001 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-two years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding – To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

Catch Basin Treatment – To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Light Trapping Program – To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number – a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitos is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

Water Management – A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The Spring 2001 mosquito season was normal though a little late getting started due to the cold spring weather. This situation changed quickly however. By the end of May mosquito populations were large enough to warrant ULV fogging but due to the cool morning temperatures we were unable to begin our spray program before the first week of June.

As the mosquito season progressed, so did the public concern over West Nile Virus. This was evident by the increase in calls for service. When the first birds tested positive for the West Nile Virus, we began receiving more service calls than could be handled per day. This situation put us behind schedule for a short period of time. Once the morning temperatures became warmer and more stable, we were able to get ahead of the backlog of calls.

During late summer the number of birds dying of West Nile Virus increased drastically and it was not confined to one area. It was happening all over southeastern MA. The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project ran an extensive trapping program in areas where birds had tested positive for West Nile Virus in an effort to determine mosquito species and their number. Three of our employees steadily worked this surveillance program until October 22, 2001. It is very labor intensive to run both light and gravid traps at the same time but it is the only way to find if and what the correlation is between mosquitos, birds and the West Nile Virus. These surveillance programs monitored both Eastern and West Nile Virus. We found some mosquitos with Eastern and some mosquitos with West Nile in areas of Bristol County.

There were no cases of Eastern Virus reported in either humans or horses in Bristol County; however, two humans and five horses did contract West Nile Virus late in the mosquito season. Both the humans and the horses that were infected recovered according to the reports that the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project received.

The Project sprayed all known mosquito-infested areas and answered all requests for spraying, for a total of 4,719.6 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months 19.75 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

During the fall and winter months a total of 1,950 feet of brush was cut.

It is hard to make any predictions at this time as to what will happen next year concerning the West Nile Virus. Adulticiding may be difficult next season because of the aftereffects from the September 11,2001 attacks. It's possible that when the people see trucks fogging in a residential area, some will be concerned that it is a terrorist applying a biological agent.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. DeCastro
Superintendent

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council had a goal for the year 2001 of having the Department of Environmental Protection (DEM) complete a new underground electrical service into the Mansion and the maintenance garage at Borderland State Park. This project had been delayed by the telephone company mergers during the year 2000 but was completed by the summer of 2001. The other important goal was the replacement of the Mansion roof, which was leaking badly and causing interior damage. The contractor did not start the roof replacement until April and then delayed completion until late summer when the Council intervened and contacted the appropriate people in the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs who oversaw the completion of the roof and repairs of damages caused by the contractor.

The Council discussed the impact on the park of the development of the Rattlesnake Hill area in Sharon and the possibility of it being purchased by the Town of Sharon for conservation, which the Council supported. The Council wrote letters in support to Sharon residents urging their support of the purchase by the Town. The Council participated in the D.E.M. Strategic Plan for the future by issuing comments on the strengths and weaknesses of the park system.

The Council members were kept apprised of the park concerns through correspondence and phone contact.

The attendance at the park still increases each year with the Visitors Center becoming more popular as a place to hold teaching sessions and discussion groups. Members of the Advisory Council participated with the park Interpreter in the annual Biodiversity Day in June to count all flora and fauna at Borderland. The Friends of Borderland and the park Interpreter put together a full schedule of walks and talks at little or no cost to park visitors at a time when most parks are changing admission fees for the same.

The Council members appreciate the support of the park activities by the Friends of Borderland, the Easton Garden Club, the Easton Historical Society and other community associations.

Once again the Council watches the annual Hockomock League fall cross country races and the success of our Oliver Ames High School runners with interest.

We encourage the continual participation of our local legislators and townspeople in the park events and the facilities.

Please feel free to contact Council members and park personnel (508-238-6566).

Respectfully submitted,

William O. Hocking Jr. Chairman (Foxboro)
John J. Kent Easton Representative
Paul Berry, Easton Historical Society
John Ventresco, Friends of Borderland

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

During 2001 the Southeastern Regional Services Group prepared and issued three major cooperative procurements on behalf of its seventeen member municipalities. Two of these, invitations for bids for DPW Services and DPW Supplies, saved SERSG cities and towns a total of \$345,374.71. The third procurement resulted in a 63.25% discount off of office supplies contained in the United Stationers Catalog. SERSG membership continues to save each member thousands of dollars each year.

The Southeastern Regional Services Group continues to administer a Tobacco Control Program on behalf of the Boards of Health of Easton, East Bridgewater, Raynham, Stoughton and Taunton. Besides advocating for the adopting of local regulations banning smoking in public places and sales of cigarettes to minors, SERTOG program staff conduct quarterly checks of merchants to determine if they are complying with the condition of their permit that they not sell tobacco products to minors. Public education activities funded by the DPH grant include a month-long health education program in the Mitchell Middle School in East Bridgewater capped with speaker Bob Mehrman addressing all of the fifth graders in the school on World No Tobacco Day; our attendance at the Health Awareness Day at Taunton High School, the Easton Employee Health Fair, the Stoughton 275th Birthday Parade, Major Strojny's Kiddies Day in Taunton, and a presentation by Bob Mehrman to students at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School on the Great American Smoke-Out in November.

SERSG hosted a workshop for elected and appointed members of land-use boards in October outlining the new requirements of Phase II of the EPA's Storm Water Management Program. Attendees were given an outline of the Phase II requirements, a work plan for the six required minimum control measures, and a copy of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination By-Law which the SERSG Regional Administrator drafted with the help of Andy Bagas, Bridgewater Highway Superintendent; Ernest Williams, Canton DPW Director, and Robert Swanson, Foxborough Highway Superintendent. Both Virginia Scarlet, DEP Storm Water Manager, and Thelma Murphy, EPA-Region One Storm Water Manager, spoke at meetings arranged for SERSG members on the requirements of the new federal mandate.

The SERSG Regional Administrator was a speaker at the April Municipal Forum sponsored by Attorney General O'Reilly, MMA, and the Town Counsel/City Solicitor's Association. The topic was Street Opening and Right-of-Way Issues Affecting Local Governments. SERSG continues to provide shared administrative services, which save money as well as time for each of its members. Our on-going success is due to the cooperation that SERSG receives from staff in many different municipal departments.

Catherine Salisbury, Regional Administrator

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Assistant Town Clerk Jean A. Shearing
Clerical Assistant Susan deR. Heath
Town Clerk Emeritus Esther C. Anderson

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The Town Clerk serves you as...

CHIEF ELECTION OFFICIAL

Oversees polling places, election officers, and the general conduct of all elections.
Directs preparation of ballots, polling places, voting equipment, voting lists, administers campaign finance laws, certifies nomination papers and initiative petitions and serves on the local Board of Registrars.
Supervises voter registration and absentee balloting, and prepares, records and reports official election results to the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth.
Conducts the annual town census, prepares the street list of residents and school list, and furnishes the jury list to the Office of the Jury Commissioner.

RECORDING OFFICER

Records and certifies all official actions of the Town, including town meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Appeals Decisions, signs all notes for borrowing, and keeps the Town Seal.
Records state tax liens.

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Registers all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents.
Records and preserves original birth, marriage, and death records providing the basis for the Commonwealth's central vital registration system.

PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICER

Administers the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees and boards and ensures that all elected and appointed officials are informed of the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Laws. Posts meetings of all government bodies.
Provided access to public records in compliance with State Public Records Law and corresponding regulations.
Provides certified copies of vital records and conducts or assists with genealogical research for members of the public, and is responsible for maintenance, disposition and preservation of municipal archival records and materials.
Maintains records of adopted municipal codes, local bylaws, oaths of office, resignations and appointments, petitions, publications, budgets, meeting minutes, and financial statements.
Submits bylaws and zoning ordinances to Attorney General for approval.

LICENSING OFFICER

Issues state licenses and permits: including marriage licenses, hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, and permits for raffles and bazaars. Issues county or local licenses, permits, and certificates as mandated by statute or bylaw, which may include business certificates, animal licenses, and fuel storage permits.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Responds to inquires from the general public, frequently serving as facilitator with departments, providing knowledge and assistance in a fair and impartial manner to all.
Often considered the core of local government, the Town Clerk's Office serves as the central information point for local residents and citizens at large.

If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please contact us in person, by phone, or by e-mail.

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN EASTON CALENDAR YEAR 2001

BIRTHS

Males	125	236 Single Births
Females	<u>121</u>	5 Sets of Twins
Total Births	246	246 Children

MARRIAGES

Marriages in Easton	56	RESIDENCE OF BRIDES & GROOMS:	
Marriages in Other Towns in MA	<u>71</u>	Both Residents of Easton	67
		One Easton, One Other MA Town	24
Total Marriages Recorded	127	One Easton, One Out of State	4
		Both Out of State	11
		Both Other MA Towns	20
		One Other MA Town, One Out of State	<u>1</u>
		Totals	<u>127</u>

DEATHS

Residents who died in Easton	53	BY AGE & GENDER:			
Residents who died out of Easton	84	Ages	Female	Male	Total
Non-Residents who died in Easton	<u>23</u>	0-19	0	3	3
		20-49	4	5	9
Total	160	50-59	5	10	15
		60-69	7	9	16
Type of Facility		70-79	23	21	44
Hospital	68	80-89	29	21	50
Nursing Home	57	90-99	12	10	22
Residence	32	100-101	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Other	<u>3</u>				
Total	160	Totals	81	79	160

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Various meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration of voters for Town Meetings and all elections.

PCT	DEMOCRAT	GREEN PARTY USA	INTER 3RD PARTY	LIBERTARIAN	REFORM	REPUBLICAN	SOCIALIST	UNENROLLED	TOTAL
<u>At the close of Registration February 23, 2001 for the Special Town Meeting on March 5, 2001</u>									
1	649		3	11	2	538		1404	2607
2A	99		2	1		143	1	298	544
2B	464	2		7		370		861	1704
3	569		2	10	3	381		1122	2087
4	586	2	2	9	3	463		1283	2348
5	631	1	1	6	3	425		1320	2387
6	547		5	10	1	417		1192	2172
Total	3545	5	15	54	12	2737	1	7480	13849

<u>At the close of Registration March 20, 2001 for Annual Town Meeting April 9, 2001 & Annual Town Election April 24, 2001</u>									
1	633	1	3	10	2	531		1386	2566
2A	99		2	1		140	1	287	530
2B	452	2		5		362		846	1667
3	551		2	9	3	372		1086	2023
4	577	2	2	8	3	460		1259	2311
5	625		1	6	3	413		1298	2346
6	545		5	12	1	412		1176	2151
Total	3482	5	15	51	12	2690	1	7338	13594

At the close of Registration May 25, 2001 for Special Town Meeting June 4, 2001

1	630	1	3	10	2	521	1380	2547
2A	101		2	1		139	286	530
2B	456	2		5		359	849	1671
3	563		2	8	3	369	1093	2038
4	574	2	2	9	3	459	1254	2303
5	628		1	5	3	407	1306	2350
6	538		5	14	1	408	1188	2154
Total	3490	5	15	52	12	2662	7356	13593

At the close of Registration August 22, 2001 for Special State Primary September 11, 2001

1	648	1	3	10	2	522	1403	2589
2A	104		2	1		137	291	536
2B	454	1		5		361	855	1676
3	575		2	10	3	365	1105	2060
4	597	2	2	10	3	474	1275	2363
5	629	1	1	5	3	411	1326	2376
6	547		5	15	1	406	1209	2183
Total	3554	5	15	56	12	2676	7464	13783

At the close of Registration August 27, 2001 for Special Override Election, September 15, 2001

1	650	1	3	10	2	523	1406	2595
2A	104		2	1		137	291	536
2B	454	1		5		361	856	1677
3	575		2	10	3	365	1106	2061
4	598	2	2	10	3	474	1280	2369
5	629	1	1	5	3	411	1328	2378
6	550		5	15	1	406	1209	2186
Total	3560	5	15	56	12	2677	7476	13802

At the close of Registration October 1, 2001 for Special Town Meeting October 9, 2001

1	650	1	3	10	2	523	1412	2601
2A	104		2	1		135	294	537
2B	454	1		5		360	856	1676
3	576		2	11	3	369	1113	2074
4	596	2	2	10	3	474	1275	2362
5	636	1		5	3	407	1328	2380
6	549		4	15	1	402	1213	2184
Total	3565	5	13	57	12	2670	7491	13814

At the close of Registration September 26, 2001 for Special State Election October 16, 2001

1	650	1	3	10	2	523	1411	2600
2A	104		2	1		135	294	537
2B	454	1		5		360	856	1676
3	576		2	11	3	368	1113	2073
4	596	2	2	10	3	474	1274	2361
5	636	1		5	3	407	1328	2380
6	549		4	15	1	402	1212	2183
Total	3565	5	13	57	12	2669	7488	13810

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Fleury, Chairman

Jean H. Cote

Jean M. Kent

Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk
BOARD OF REGISTRARS

TOWN CLERKS FEES ISSUED JULY 2000 TO JUNE 2001

Birth Certificates	495	\$	6.00	\$	2,970.00
Death Certificates	689	\$	6.00	\$	4,134.00
Marriage Certificates	253	\$	6.00	\$	1,518.00
Birth Certificates	151	\$	5.00	\$	755.00
Death Certificates	10	\$	5.00	\$	50.00
Marriage Certificates	9	\$	5.00	\$	45.00
Correction of Death	0	\$	15.00	\$	-
Marriage Intentions	110	\$	20.00	\$	2,200.00
Voter I.D. Cards	9	\$	6.00	\$	54.00
Business Certificates	171	\$	25.00	\$	4,275.00
Business Discontinuances	5	\$	15.00	\$	75.00
Financing Statements	386	\$	15.00	\$	5,790.00
Financing Releases	55	\$	10.00	\$	550.00
Sale of Street lists				\$	1,300.00
Recording Pole Locations				\$	150.00
Copies, Etc				\$	1,529.70
Raffle Permits	5	\$	15.00	\$	75.00
Sale of By-Laws/CodeBooks/Voter Lists				\$	504.60
Duplicate Dog Tags	12	\$	3.00	\$	36.00
Interest				\$	-
Board of Appeals Filing Fees				\$	15,600.00
Declaration of Business	3	\$	15.00	\$	45.00
Declaration of Homestead				\$	-
Sale of Fishing Holders				\$	5.50
Transfer Dog License	7	\$	5.00	\$	35.00
Search Fees				\$	249.00
Misc.				\$	76.07
Certify fee				\$	31.00
Total Town Clerk Fees				\$	42,052.87
Sporting License Fees				\$	468.55
Total Paid to Town Treasurer				\$	42,521.42

Respectfully submitted

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Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED JULY 2000 TO JUNE 2001

ISSUED JULY 1, 2000 TO JULY 2001 INCLUSIVE

# issued	License	Fee	Total
2000 (JULY TO APRIL)			
208		\$10.00	\$2,080.00
67 Males		\$15.00	\$1,005.00
278 Spayed Females		\$10.00	\$2,780.00
39 Females		\$15.00	\$585.00
0 Kennel License		\$25.00	\$0.00
1 Kennel License		\$50.00	\$50.00
0 Transfer Licenses		\$3.00	\$0.00
593 Total Licenses			\$6,500.00
182 Late Fees		\$ 25.00	\$4,550.00
Collected			\$11,050.00
2001 (March to June)			
693 Neutered Males		\$ 10.00	\$6,930.00
164 Males		\$ 15.00	\$2,460.00
852 Spayed Females		\$ 10.00	\$8,520.00
66 Females		\$ 15.00	\$990.00
2 Kennel		\$ 25.00	\$50.00
2 Kennel		\$ 50.00	\$100.00
0 Transfer Licenses		\$ 3.00	\$ -
1779 Total Licenses			\$19,050.00
0 Late Fees		\$25.00	\$0.00
Collected			\$19,050.00
2372 Total Licenses Collected			\$25,550.00
182 Total Late Fees			\$4,550.00
Total Funds Collected			\$30,100.00
Total Paid to Treasurer		\$	30,100.00

The total number of licenses issued for each of the last six years was as follows:

1995	1778
1996	1710
1997	1889
1998	2270
1999	2221
2000	2202

Respectfully submitted

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HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED JULY 2000 TO JUNE 2001

#ISSUED	LICENSE	FEE	Total
136	Resident Fishing	\$22.50	\$3,060.00
12	Resident Fishing	\$23.50	\$282.00
10	Resident Minor Fishing	\$6.50	\$65.00
11	Resident Fishing (Age 65-69)	\$11.25	\$123.75
27	Resident Fishing Handicapped	\$0.00	\$0.00
0	Non-resident Fishing	\$32.50	\$0.00
1	Non-resident Fishing 3-Day	\$18.50	\$18.50
0	Resident Fishing 3-Day	\$6.50	\$0.00
1	Resident Trapping	\$30.50	\$30.50
0	Resident Trapping Minor	\$6.50	\$0.00
1	Resident Trapping (Age 65-69)	\$15.25	\$15.25
1	Duplicate Fishing	\$2.50	\$2.50
0	Duplicate Trapping		
200	Total Fishing Licenses		\$3,597.50
52	Resident Hunting	\$22.50	\$1,170.00
2	Resident Hunting	\$23.50	\$47.00
1	Resident Hunting (Age 65-69)	\$11.25	\$11.25
0	Resident Hunting Paraplegic	\$	\$0.00
0	Resident Alien Hunting	\$22.50	\$0.00
0	Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	\$94.50	\$0.00
3	Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	\$60.50	\$181.50
0	Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	\$6.50	\$0.00
60	Resident Sporting	\$40.00	\$2,400.00
1	Resident Sporting	\$41.00	\$41.00
10	Resident Sporting (Age 65-69)	\$20.00	\$200.00
40	Resident Sporting (Over 70)	\$	\$
1	Duplicate Hunting	\$2.50	\$2.50
0	Duplicate Sporting	\$2.00	\$
170	Total Sporting Licenses		\$4,053.25
51	Archery Stamps	\$5.10	\$260.10
35	Waterfowl Stamps	\$5.00	\$175.00
32	Primitive Firearms Stamp	\$5.10	\$163.20
294	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Residents)	\$5.00	\$1,470.00
3	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Non-Residents)	\$5.00	\$15.00
415	Total Stamps Issued		\$2,083.30
370	Total Licenses Issued		\$7,650.75

785 Total Licenses and Stamps Issued		\$9,734.05
286 Fees Deducted	\$1.00	\$286.00
15 Fees Deducted	\$1.50	\$22.50
286 Fees Deducted	\$0.50	\$143.00
27 Fees Deducted	\$0.25	\$6.75
83 Fees Deducted	\$0.10	\$8.30

697 Total Fees Deducted \$466.55

Total Paid to Fisheries & Wildlife \$9,267.50

The total number of licenses for each of the last six years was as follows:

(Licenses and Stamps)	1995	1277
(Licenses and Stamps) (First 6 Months)	1996	805
(Licenses and Stamps)	1997	902
(Licenses and Stamps)	1998	950
(Licenses and Stamps)	1999	895
	2000	819

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit the Easton Fire and Rescue Department Annual Report for the year 2001 for your review.

Operations

Deputy Chief Norman McNeill, Operations Chief, reports that there were a total of 3,369 incidents responded to by the department in 2001, for fire, emergency or other related problems. This is an increase of 39 more runs than last year. There were fires in 40 structures, 61 wildland and brushfires and 78 other types of fires. There were 4,988 Fire and Rescue Department equipment responses in 2001. In 2001 one of our citizens lost their lives, however, none were injured due to fire. Estimated property loss for all 2001 incidents to which the fire department responded amounted to \$625,000.00, a decrease in loss of \$163,350.00 from last year. There were four residential fires that resulted in large property losses. Two (2) firefighters were injured in the line of duty in 2001, same as last year.

In 2001 the Easton Fire and Rescue Department continued to render to, and request from surrounding towns and cities, mutual aid fire and ambulance assistance. The department responded to 426 auto accidents. Fire personnel responded to 31 spills or fire incidents involving hazardous materials in Easton during the year.

There were 1,495 medical and motor vehicle accident emergency responses by the Fire Department Ambulance in the past year. These responses resulted in the transport of 954 persons to local hospitals. There were also approximately 150 ambulance transports to local hospitals by mutual aid from surrounding towns. This was necessary due to multiple calls. The Easton Fire Department employs Advanced Life Support trained personnel to a total of eight (8) Firefighter/Paramedics and seven (7) Firefighter/Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition we have 19 Firefighter/Basic Life Support EMTs.

Not all fire stations remained open during the year. There were alternate closings of stations 2 & 3 from October 5, 2001 to December 14, 2001 due to the lack of overtime money.

Using our dispatch software, Firefighter James Tully has generated a number of different reports, providing us with some interesting statistics. For example, we have found that in 2001, more calls for service occurred during weekdays than on weekends and that the busiest day was Friday. More calls occurred between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. than at any other time of the day, with 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. being the busiest hour.

Another interesting statistic derived from the new dispatch software was the response time of our fire apparatus from the time of the call to arrival at the scene of the emergency. The majority of calls were responded to between 2 and 7 minutes. Most of the time the apparatus arrived on scene in 4 minutes.

While the number of times the apparatus was on scene in 8 minutes or under was up slightly (84% for 2001 vs. 82.9% for 2000), the number of times they were on scene in 4 minutes or less was down (33.4% for 2001 vs. 34.6% for 2000).

Because of the amount of medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents in Town, the busiest piece of apparatus in the Fire Department continues to be the Ambulance, followed by the Fire engines at Station 2, Depot Street, and Station 3, Bay road respectively.

The busiest Fire Station in Town is the Depot Street Station, #2, due to its close proximity to Washington Street (Rte 138), a North-South connector and Depot Street (rte 123), an East-West connector. The majority of Easton's businesses and multiple unit housing rests in Station 2's response district. Station 2 responded to 1219 calls in 2001, 75 more calls than Station 1, Lothrop Street, and 337 more than Station 3, Bay Road.

Firefighter Training and Education

Training and education are vital in ensuring that the Easton Fire and Rescue Department is able to respond effectively to the many and varied calls for assistance it receives. The Easton Fire and Rescue Department provides comprehensive training in the following areas: recruit (entry level), in-service skills development and refresher training, special skills development (hazardous materials, arson investigation, technical rescue, etc.), and officer supervisory skills and command skills development. The Training Officer, Captain James Walsh set up many required training programs during the year, which provided members with individual skills development and promoted team building. The results of this effective training program show up on the emergency scene through smooth, safe and effective operations.

As our Town grows and develops, the Department is called to deal with situations that are becoming increasingly complex due to technological advances in our society. The Department is finding that it is more and more difficult to provide in-service training in the advanced technical fields, and that we must send personnel to places such as the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Barnstable Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy, in Emmitsburg, MD. As Fire Chief, I am proud of the capabilities and accomplishments of this department's employees, and can assure you that they are up to the challenges the future may bring.

Fire Alarm

The Fire Alarm Division continued to update the municipal fire alarm system throughout the year. Eight (8) new Radio controlled master boxes were installed at the following locations; Victoria Square Plaza at 163 Washington St., Boland Hall Dormitory – Stonehill College, The Cushing / Martin Building – Stonehill College, 14 Bristol Dr. and 18 Bristol Dr. in the Industrial Park, The Good Shepard Presbyterian Church at 701 Foundry St., and the Holy Cross Church & Parish Center at 225 Purchase St. New Radio controlled street boxes were installed in the Flyaway Pond Estates Development, Camelot II Estates, and on Lewis Rd. Periodic maintenance and system repairs were done as needed.

The Fire Alarm Bucket Truck needs to be replaced. The Truck is a 1979 GMC. This is a former Eastern Edison Company Truck and was used extensively by them. The Easton Fire Dept. purchased the truck from Edison in 1991 at a cost of \$6,500. The truck is twenty-two (22) years old. The truck's hydraulic system for the boom needs to be replaced. Each year it becomes more difficult to maintain and repair.

The new Radio Fire Alarm receiver system installation was completed at the Central Fire Station. The old hard wire system was combined with and programmed into the new system. I will again include a request in the FY03 capital budget for the purchase of 8 radio boxes to upgrade our Town owned buildings to this new technology.

The fire alarm system continues to be budgeted and successfully funded through a Fire Alarm Offset Receipt Account.

Public Education and Fire Prevention

The number one priority of this Department is to prevent the needless injuries, suffering and property loss caused by fires, accidents and related incidents. In this regard, we maintain an extremely active educational program aimed at preventing these incidents before they occur, or reducing the severity of any resulting incidents.

The SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program is now in its seventh year. This grant-funded program has and will continue to teach elementary students the basics of fire safety. The programs success can be attributed to the cooperation of Easton's elementary school principals and teachers. Without the receptive spirit of these people, our program would not exist. We have received a grant from the state of

\$4,820.00 toward the funding of our 2001-2002 curriculum which along with the core fire curriculum includes ice safety presentations as well as nursery school visits and a few adult fire safety presentations. It is our desire to give these young students the tools they will need to make lifesaving decisions in the unfortunate event of an emergency. We will continue to make every effort to keep this program alive.

Firefighters David Beals, Thomas Nicholson, Lawrence Blye and Chris Mills have built their S.A.F.E. program around 5 core subjects: 1. Smoke Detectors in the homes, 2. Exit Drills in the home, 3. Stop, Drop and Roll method of extinguishing a clothing fire, 4. How to dial 911 and give the operator vital information, 5. Responsible behavior around fire products. These S.A.F.E. instructors also conduct ice safety presentations to Easton students every 2 years. The program instructors will now be assuming the responsibility of conducting and evaluating all school fire drills on a regular basis.

Usually the highlight of October is our annual Open House during Fire Prevention week where there are more than 3,000 Town's people that attend the Fire Departments displays of their equipment, programs and demonstrations of their skills and related duties. Unfortunately, the Open House was cancelled this year for safety and security reasons due to the September 11, incident. Hopefully in the year 2002 we can continue with this program.

The Easton Fire and Rescue Department web page can be accessed through the Internet address of <http://www.eastonfire.com>. On the site you will find information about our department, fire safety information, as well as links to hundreds of other fire services around the world. I can be reached via e-mail through our web page, or at nmcneill@easton.ma.us. Firefighter Jeffrey Webster created and manages the Home Page for our Department.

Captain John Howard, Fire Prevention Officer, and on-duty firefighters provided fire extinguisher training for local nursing home staff, regional school bus drivers and Easton businesses and Town employees in the year 2001.

The Fire Prevention Division, under Captain John Howard, has had a very active year. A total of 163 residential plans were reviewed and permits issued, as compared to 85 in the previous year. 61 Certificates of Compliance were issued for new homes for Occupancy Certificates. A total 384 Certificates of Compliance were issued for the resale of homes as compared to 155 the previous year. Also, 87 oil burner/oil storage tank installations were approved and 45 permits for propane storage were issued after being inspected for compliance.

On the commercial side a total of six (6) plan reviews were done. 13 permits to install/alter fire sprinkler systems were issued, as were 14 permits for fire alarm systems.

All businesses holding licenses issued by the Town were inspected as were all schools and Stonehill College. Each of the two nursing homes in Easton was inspected quarterly as prescribed by law.

Four large loss fires were investigated with the State Fire Marshall's office assisting. Sadly there was one fatality this year due to fire. Three of the fires were determined to have started by carelessly disposed cigarettes.

HazMat

The Easton Fire Department has the capability to respond to Hazardous Material Incidents. This capability was utilized frequently during FY 2002. The Easton Fire Department responded to numerous carbon monoxide and flammable fluid incidents. During the period immediately following September 11th, many responses were made to possible Anthrax incidents. Materials possibly contaminated were isolated, packaged and sent to the Department of Public Health Laboratory for analysis. Thankfully none of these materials tested positively for Anthrax.

The four members of the statewide Hazardous Material Response Team, Chief Phillip Blye (Retired 1-6-02), Captain Gomes, Captain Howard and Firefighter Corbett, assisted in over 1,100 possible Anthrax and potential Terrorist Threats from October 12th to December 31st. As a host community for one of the response vehicles for this area, Station 3 on Bay Road provided a base of operation for these responses.

Apparatus

In the spring of 2000 the Department purchased a new ambulance as part of our continuing replacement plan. This purchase was entirely funded by ambulance user fees collected over a three-year period. By replacing ambulances every 3 years, we ensure that we will have a dependable vehicle to transport citizens to the Hospital during their time of need.

In the 2nd week of January 2001 – our 1987 Ford E-1 Fire Truck had to be taken off the road permanently because of the frame rails delaminating and making it unsafe to drive. This truck was one of our front line pumpers. The truck that has taken its place is a 1974 Maxim and this truck is rusting badly and has already been reconditioned once.

Because the Town has not funded a Capital Budget in the last few years, and most of all, not followed a replacement plan for items like Fire Apparatus, we are in a condition which could very easily become a “state of emergency”.

This Town needs to have 3 decent “Front Line” pumping engines. For the last 9 years that I have been Chief, my 5 year Capital Budget emphasized a replacement plan based on the purchase of a new “Front Line” pumper every 5 years. This would have ensured that the Town would not have a truck in the Front Line older than 15 years, and reserve trucks not older than 30 years.

Our Fire Department mechanics, Firefighters Jim Tully, Larry Blye and myself are good, but not miracle workers. In 2001, the Easton Fire Department response volume increased slightly over 2000. As our population increases, our runs are increasing. More “runs” translates to increase wear and tear on our fire apparatus.

We cannot provide the same level of excellent service that the citizens of Easton have become to expect of the Fire Department if we do not have the proper functioning equipment.

Communications

Our 400 MHz radio communications system that was purchased in 1999 is now up and working well. Installed in all Fire Stations and fire vehicles, the system provides the Department with improved communications. Each firefighter has his own portable radio that enables him to directly call his Fire Officer or the station to report emergency conditions at a scene. This provides a higher level of safety to our personnel who perform very hazardous tasks.

In the Fall of 2000, satellite receivers for both the Fire and Police Department were installed in the “5 Corners” area of town to eliminate any “no communications zones”. The new 190-foot telecommunications tower at the rear of the Fire/Police Complex on Lothrop Street has generated \$10,000 in cell revenues in 2001.

Personnel

The officers and firefighters of this department continue to donate many hours of their own time assisting the department and attending training courses in advanced fire fighting and medical techniques in order to perform their tasks in a more efficient manner. I would again like to recognize and thank all thirty-four of them for their contribution in making the Easton Fire and Rescue Department the professional and well-educated organization it is. As Fire Chief, I take great pride in the capabilities and accomplishments of our personnel who give so willingly of their time and talents for the people of Easton. I would also like to thank my Fire Officers, Firefighters and Secretary for their assistance throughout this past year.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Easton Fire Department consist of the following:

Fires of all types – Medical Emergencies – Hazardous Material Incidents – Entrapments of any type –
Rescues of any type – Ice and Water Emergencies – Fire Prevention – SAFE Program – Brush Fire Permits.

For all Emergencies = Dial 911

For Chief's Office – Secretary – Fire Prevention = Dial 508-230-3314

For Brush Fire Permits and general information = Dial 508-230-3311

If you have any other type of Emergency and cannot contact the Town Department that handles the situation – Call 508-230-3311 – The Easton Fire Department – and we will try to assist you in any way we can.

Mission Statement

"The Easton Fire and Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community."

"We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community."

"We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services and other related emergency and non-emergency activities."

"We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens."

"Always ready, proud to serve."

Conclusion

I would like to thank all of Easton's citizens, officials, boards, committees, and other town departments who have come to our assistance this past year. You may rest assure that we will continue to provide the best in both emergency and non-emergency services in the most efficient manner possible in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman F. McNeill, Fire Chief

**2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

www.eastonpd.com

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report for the Year 2001

The year 2001, due to the attack on New York on September 11th, has affected and influenced the peace and lifestyle of our citizens more than any year since the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 6, 1941. No longer do the citizens of our country think they are invincible. We have been thrust into the reality of the terror in our world. The reports of bombing and terrorist attack in Europe will never again seem distant or just the problem of another country. The fact that the two planes that attacked New York City left from Boston just 25 miles away was shocking. We, as all of Americans, are at war and must acknowledge it.

Members of our department were part of the New York relief effort. James Baroud, Kevin Blakely, Leonard Coe, Lawrence Cole, Steven Hamilton and Darren Mangott spent four days in New York where they assisted in guarding Ground 0 and the federal building.

Sergeant Robert Grinham, Officer James McAvoy, Town Administrator Kevin Paicos and I were also part of a relief team that assisted in supplying gas masks at Ground 0. The memory of seeing the devastation and talking with some of the victims will stay with us forever. We were extremely proud to be representing the Town of Easton. We received many thanks commending our town for assistance.

Shortly after the attack on New York, we experienced numerous complaints regarding suspicious letters and packages. Some, who thrive on the excitement of terrorizing people, found humor in false complaints even in our town.

We must work together to combat the threat of terrorism and also to protect our citizens who may be harshly treated or falsely accused because of their nationality and religious beliefs.

Despite all of the events that have happened Easton continues to be a safe town. Members of our department and other town agencies regularly meet and train how to prepare for terrorism and how to effectively deal with false and real complaints.

This year the reality that our town is in financial difficulty has deeply affected our Police department. We have laid off one dispatcher and reduced two dispatchers to part time. One of our Animal Control Officers has had her hours cut in half.

Sergeant Ralph Harris retired after thirty-one years of service. We thank him both for his many years of service and wish him a happy retirement.

I am pleased to report that overall most crime continues to remain at a low level. In 7 categories crime is down. In 12 categories crime is up slightly. Break & Entry Residences are up by 15, the second lowest in over thirty years. Domestic situations are up by 33. Arrests for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs are up from 62 to 90.

I am pleased to say that Traffic Accidents were down by 51. Fatalities went from 1 to 2. Personal Injury Accidents are up from 111 to 114, which is still relatively low. The continued success of low personal injury accidents is due in part to our traffic enforcement, which has increased steadily over the last twelve years.

Our department is continuing to apply for, and receive State and Federal Grants. Those involved are Sergeant John Lynn, Detective Michael Fox, George Allen, Patrick Healey and myself. Lois Welch helps prepare the volumes of paperwork involved in grant writing. My special thanks to all of them.

State Community Oriented Policing Grant	\$ 50,000
Copeland Fund Grant for D.A.R.E.	5,000
D.A.R.E. Summer Camp	10,500
Federal Grant Violence Against Women	28,000
State 2000 D.A.R.E. Grant	15,000
Dunkin Donut Donation for D.A.R.E.	500
Governor's Highway Safety Grant	3,000

With the Community Oriented Policing funds received we are continuing our condo and mountain bike patrols. Denise Papagno was appointed as our first female Detective. Denise also conducted a Safe Sitter course. She chaired our Family Violence Task Force and our HUGS (Acronym for Help Us Get Safe) Domestic Violence program. We sponsored Teen Dating Violence Awareness programs including a production of the "Yellow Dress" play at the High School and the "Remote Control" play at the Jr. High School.

We are continuing with our own home page on our worldwide Internet system:

www.eastonpd.com

We have continued conducting our Citizens Police Academy program. The program is presented by our Crime Prevention Officer Mark Ferretti and Detective Michael Fox. Officer Ferretti also has fifteen Neighborhood Watch groups. This program continues to be extremely effective.

Our D.A.R.E. program is right on track. Officer George Allen finished his third year, as our D.A.R.E. Officer, with excellence. We also conducted our D.A.R.E. camp for the seventh year.

Our TRIAD program for seniors continues to progress in a successful manner. Sgt. Robert Grinham is in charge of this program. We organized several cookouts, a Christmas party and our third senior prom. A special thanks to Elizabeth Verity, a senior citizen, who continues doing volunteer work.

Nancy Grant and Lois Welch, our secretaries, continue to do an excellent job. A special thanks to the citizens of Easton and the many organizations and other departments that have assisted us.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Easton Police Department is to protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all citizens. This can be achieved by working in harmony with the community we serve, committed to the conviction that by working together our community has the ability to form its own destiny."

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stanley P. Bates

2000 STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS

12,011

E 9-1-1 CALL VOLUME

Total Primary Calls Answered

3,258

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	1
Attempted Suicides	7
Threats of Suicide	5
Rapes	2
Attempted Rapes	0
Statutory Rapes	1
Sexual Assaults	6
Robberies	5
Assault & Battery/Weapons	5
Assault & Battery	65

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAK & ENTRIES

B & E Residence	38
B & E Motor Vehicle or Shed	37
B & E Business	22
B & E Attempts	25

LARCENIES

Larcenies over \$250	65
Larcenies under \$250	101
Larceny Attempts	2
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	22
Larceny of Motor Vehicle Attempts	5
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	9
Shoplifting	10

In Custody 320

ARRESTS 290

Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs 90

Protective Custody 30

MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

Domestic Situations	212
Domestic Violence	49
Disturbance	95
Disorderly Persons	14
Noise Complaints	204
General Service	857
Missing Persons	54
Vandalism	251
Alarms	1730
Annoying Phone Calls	93
Animal Complaints	427
Barking Dog Complaints	60
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	93

ACCIDENTS 712

Fatal Accidents	2
Property Damage Accidents	596
Personal Injury Accidents	114

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Citations	2,834
Pistol Permits Issued	127
F.I.D. (Firearms Identification) Cards Issued	24

2001 ANIMAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Our department has experience an increase in calls for service this year. With the population getting bigger and the habitat of our wildlife is diminishing more people are having incidents with the animals. Dog food left outside and garbage not properly covered will attract wildlife to your yard.

Due to budget restraint our coverage has been cut back but we are trying our utmost to continue to give adequate services. We still want to stress the importance of licensing your dog it gives us important information in case of a bite incident or if your dog is struck by vehicles. A rabies vaccination for your dog and cat is another extremely important matter for the pet owner to see that it is done. The out come of a pet coming in contact with wildlife is judge on whether or not the animal is vaccinated.

We experience our first encounter with the West Nile Virus in Town. In a matter of a couple of months we picked up 118 birds that had died many were crows and blue jays. The birds were sent to the Infectious Disease Lab at The Massachusetts Department of Health. Ten birds tested positive for the virus.

The rabies virus is still around and seems to be getting more active. Twenty-eight animals were submitted to the State Lab Virology Division for testing they were ten cats, seven skunks, four bats, four raccoons, one woodchuck, one dog and one fox. We had three raccoons, three skunks, one cat and one fox which tested positive for rabies.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

Calls received	3044
Complaints	1249
General Info	1795
Missing animals	281
Dogs picked up	64
Dead animals	222

Fifty-seven dogs were returned to their owners or adopted. Six dogs were turned over to rescue leagues. One dog was euthanized. Seven cats were turned over to the MSPCA.

We are continuing to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints with hearings held at the Police Station. This is part of the Police Department's efforts to reach out to the community, using a Community Oriented Policy Philosophy. Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik has conducted numerous hearings at the station. Many complaints have been solved, saving the Selectmen and our courts valuable time. This also saves our citizens from going to Taunton District Court and missing work. These hearings have been a great success, reducing my appearances in court and raising revenue from uncollected dog license fees.

We would like to thank the owners of dogs who are in compliance with the license and leash laws.

Dead animals picked up; forty-seven cats, forty deer, thirty-four skunks, twenty-one raccoons, sixteen opossums, twenty-two squirrels, thirteen foxes, seven dogs, two woodchucks, nine bats, two hawks, two chipmunks, two pigeons, one sea gull, one goose, two rabbits and one coyote.

I would like to thank the Police Chief, Deputy Chief, Dispatches, members of the Police and Fire Departments, Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Board of Health and the DPW for their cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

John Melin

2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF SELF HELP INCORPORATED

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON

During the program year ending September 30, 2001, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$20M and provided direct services to 18,990 limited income households in the area.

In the Town of Easton, Self Help Inc. provided services totaling \$415,713 to 264 households during program year 2001.

Self Help's total funding of \$19,999,981 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1,521,407 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of Self Help Inc., during the past program year was \$21,921,429.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 315 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Board of Selectmen of Easton and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2001 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Executive Assistant/Human Resources

**TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2001**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 5th day of March next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

**NOTICE OF POSTPONED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, March 7, 2001**

Be it known that the Special Town Meeting to be held Monday, March 5, 2001 was postponed due to inclement weather to:

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

In the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium to see what action the town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 1-11, inclusive

And any all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

***POSTPONED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001***

The first Special Town Meeting of 2001 was called to order by Moderator Richard C. Dailey at 7:12 p.m. with quorum present.

The following list of non-registered voters were voted admittance to the hall:

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting): Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector. **OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES:** Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Wesley Paul, School Principal; Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Chris Young, Principal; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Anthony Correnti, Intern; Eric Davis, Data Processing. **OTHERS:** Gary Brackett, Town Counsel; Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District. **MEDIA:** Easton Journal, Brock Parker; Media One, Robyn Souza;

Enterprise: Richard Murphy. REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Robert Creedon; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Senator JoAnne Sprague; State Representative David Flynn. MICROPHONE CARRIERS: Jon Griggs, Alan Paderson. REQUESTED FOR 3/12/01: Denise Papagno, Chris Galante, Andrea Lindback, Kayla Whittaker, Brooke Bassett, Alex Finnigan, Taylor Morrison.

Moderator Dailey asked for a moment of silence on the passing of Alfred Gomes.

Selectman Chairman Carla Goodwin read a proclamation as follows:

A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF EASTON'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- WHEREAS,** On March 5-7, 2001, Massachusetts experienced one of the worst snowstorms in over two decades; and
- WHEREAS,** The storm lasted for three days bringing a combination of rain, sleet and snow; and
- WHEREAS,** This unusual combination of precipitation combined with the lengthy duration of the storm caused the DPW snow removal crews to be tested to their physical limits; and
- WHEREAS,** Despite the severe stress this placed on the staff of the DPW they nonetheless persevered through extremely difficult circumstances; and
- WHEREAS,** by Wednesday afternoon most of Easton's main roads were bare pavement and many citizens called the Town Offices to praise the DPW's excellent work.

NOW THEREFORE, we the Easton Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, do hereby proclaim and thank the Easton Department of Public Works and we do further recognize that through their hard work and sacrifice, the public's interest were admirably well protected.

Given under our hand this 12th day of March in the year two thousand and one.

Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator

Carla A. Goodwin, Chairman

William D. Hardin, Clerk

Patricia E. Webster, Member

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Member

Leo R. Harlow, Member

An overview of the articles to be presented was given by Chairman Goodwin. Kevin Paicos, Town Administrator then gave a brief explanation of the overview.

ARTICLE 1 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 for the Space Planning and Conceptual Design recommendations stated in the Turner Report, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by School Planning Committee)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM STABILIZATION THE SUM OF \$100,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE SPACE PLANNING AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS STATED IN THE TURNER REPORT FOR OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AND EASTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, specifically Chapter 11 thereof, by deleting section 11-3 (Procedure for awarding contracts) in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 11 THEREOF, BY DELETING SECTION 11-3 (PROCEDURE FOR AWARDED CONTRACTS) IN ITS ENTIRETY. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a 1990 Cleveland Boiler (\$17,000) for the Easton Junior High School, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by School Committee)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$17,000 TO PURCHASE A 1990 CLEVELAND BOILER FOR THE EASTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds such sums as may be necessary to replace the solid concrete parapet wall with combination traffic and pedestrian railings on Main Street at Langwater Pond, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$25,000 TO REPLACE THE PARAPET WALL ON MAIN ST. AT LANGWATER POND, WITH COMBINATION TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN RAILINGS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to hire an architect to prepare design development plans to address space and program needs of the Council on Aging, Recreation Department, and the Easton Family Violence Task Force, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$70,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING AN ARCHITECT AND /OR RELATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PREPARE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO ADDRESS SPACE AND PROGRAM NEEDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING, RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND FAMILY VIOLENCE TASK FORCE. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, Sec.14, to authorize the Selectmen to purchase from John J. and Susanne S. Freitas, using water department revenues, a parcel of land containing 9.4719 acres, more or less, being a portion of Parcel 28U-4 on the Assessors' Maps of the Town of Easton, located on Eisenhower Drive and Grant Road, and being a portion of Lot 2 as shown on a certain plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Easton, Massachusetts Prepared for John Freitas, Scale 1" = 50', August 23, 2000, Arthur F. Borden & Associates, Inc., Professional Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers", paying therefore the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand (\$325,000) Dollars; and further to issue bonds against said water department revenues, if need be, to finance said purchase; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to do any and all things necessary to effectuate the said purchase; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED THAT \$325,000 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURCHASE FROM JOHN J. AND SUSANNE S. FREITAS OF A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 9.4719 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING A PORTION OF PARCEL 28U-4 ON THE ASSESSORS' MAPS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, LOCATED ON EISENHOWER DRIVE AND GRANT ROAD, AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2 AS SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAN ENTITLED, "PLAN OF LAND IN EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS PREPARED FOR JOHN FREITAS, SCALE 1"=50', AUGUST 23, 2000, ARTHUR F. BORDEN & ASSOCIATES, INC., PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS AND CIVIL ENGINEERS" FOR WATER DEPARTMENT PURPOSES; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$325,000 UNDER M.G.L. C.44, SEC.7(3) OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY; THAT ANY SUCH BORROWING SHALL CONSTITUTE A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE TOWN, EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE INTENT OF THE TOWN THAT THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON ANY SUCH BORROWING SHALL BE PAID FROM WATER DEPARTMENT REVENUES; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the cost of architectural schematic drawings in connection with the construction of a new fire station and for the construction of a new town hall or for the rehabilitation of an existing building to serve as a new town hall, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING ARCHITECTURAL SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWN OFFICE BUILDING OR FOR THE REHABILITATION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING TO SERVE AS A NEW TOWN OFFICE BUILDING. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 8. - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the state pursuant to ch. 53(b) of the acts of 1999 and ch. 150 of the acts of 2000 the sum of \$324,593.23 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 for engineering design work related to said construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the board of selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, and to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE PURSUANT TO CH. 53(B) OF THE ACTS OF 1999 AND CH. 150 OF THE ACTS OF 2000 THE SUM OF \$324,593.23 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS, AND TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$20,000 FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK RELATED TO SAID CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of matching funds as the Town's share of a grant to conduct an historic properties inventory, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

(AMENDED) MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM AMES TRUST FUNDS THE SUM OF \$8,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF AN HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE HISTORIC COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT ANY GRANT FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONDUCT OF HISTORICAL PROPERTIES. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

(The original motion was to transfer the sum of \$12,000. The amendment to \$8,000 was a Unanimous Vote and the main motion as amended was a Unanimous Vote.)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following amounts of unissued debt authorized under the following warrant articles:

Amount Rescinded	Warrant Articles and Town Meeting
\$ 2,500	Article 21 – April 10, 1995 Annual Town Meeting
\$ 448,000	Article 2 – November 6, 1995 Special Town Meeting
\$ 185,000	Article 27 – April 14, 1997 Annual Town Meeting
\$ 50,000	Article 59 – April 13, 1998 Annual Town Meeting
\$ 1,000,000	Article 40 – April 13, 1998 Annual Town Meeting

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO RESCIND THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OF UNISSUED DEBT AUTHORIZED UNDER THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES AS WRITTEN IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Special Town Meeting was DISSOLVED at 8:50 P.M. with 326 voters present.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 12th day of February in the year Two Thousand and One.

Carla A. Goodwin, Chairman
William D. Hardin, Clerk
Patricia A. Webster
Leo R. Harlow
Jeffrey L. Tufts
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. February 16, 2001
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true record. Attest:
Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2001

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 9th day of April, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2001

There being no quorum present, a motion was made and VOTED to postpone the Annual Town Meeting to Monday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium. Total Present – 4 (Moderator Richard C. Dailey, Town Clerk Janet Andrus Linehan, Jean Shearing, Assistant Town Clerk and Mary McCarthy, Registered Voter.)

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF POSTPONED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 10, 2001

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, April 9, 2001 was duly postponed to:

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

In the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium to see what action the town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 1-21, inclusive

And any all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

POSTPONED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001

The Postponed Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Moderator Richard C. Dailey with quorum present.

The following list of non-registered voters were voted admittance to the hall:

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting) Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V.

Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector; John Marsh, Water Superintendent. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Robert Smith, School Principal Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Anthony Correnti, Intern; Eric Davis, Data Processing. OTHERS: Gary Brackett, Town Counsel; Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District. MEDIA: Easton Journal: Brock Parker; Media One: Robyn Souza; Enterprise: Richard Murphy. REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Robert Creedon; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Senator JoAnne Sprague; State Representative David Flynn. REQUESTING ADMITTANCE FOR 6/4/01: Robert Gilmore re Article 33 STM Citizens Petition; Robert Reed, Atty for Mr. Gilmore; Peter Gilmore; James Flanagan, Cynthia Hargrove, John Seavey Leo Hurley, Anne Ricco, Peg Mahoney and Alicia Seavey from Habitat for Humanity; Christoph Meyer, German Exchange Student; William Stewart, 283 Lincoln Street; Matt Leitzmann, 1 Erin Place.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, ASSESSORS, BOARD OF HEALTH, TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, COLLECTOR OF TAXES, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TOWN ACCOUNTANT, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector/Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2002, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTOR/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENTS DURING FISCAL 2002, AS PERMITTED BY MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53F. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C.44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Building Department to establish a revolving fund for Fiscal 2002, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from Plumbing and Gas Permits to be known as the "Plumbing Inspector Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to the Plumbing and Gas Inspector of the Town of Easton, by the Building Inspector, with said fees to be expended for the salary and expenses of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector, and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and with said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended only for the purpose of paying the salary, expenses and overhead of the Plumbing and Gas Inspectors who are appointed by the Town Administrator.
2. Only fees received from Plumbing and Gas Permits shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Building Department shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from the Fiscal 2002, "Plumbing and Gas Inspectors Account", shall not exceed the total receipts from fees received by the Building Department;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'02 is \$30,000.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2002, known as the "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", which shall be counted for separate from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and determinations, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies and services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;
2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Application for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2002, "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Conservation Commission, from Applicants for Conservation Permits, or Applicants for "Requests for Determination", during said Fiscal 2001 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'02 is \$20,000.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CH. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 2002, KNOWN AS THE "CONSERVATION CHAPTER 227 FILING FEE ACCOUNT", AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2002 known as the "Subdivision Inspection Fees Account", which shall be accounted for separate from all other moneys of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received from applicants for subdivision approval for inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without further appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative cost, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of inspections during construction; and any other related expenses of the Planning and Zoning Board.
2. Only fees received from applicants for inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account.
3. The Planning & Zoning Board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2002 "Subdivision Inspection Fees", shall not exceed the total fees received by the Planning and Zoning Board from applicants for subdivision inspections during said Fiscal 2002 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years.
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'02 is \$20,000.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 2002 KNOWN AS THE "SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES ACCOUNT", AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 2001 budget, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

I MOVE TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM LOTTERY SURPLUS THE SUM OF 81,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING DEPARTMENT BUDGETS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (FY'01) IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES LISTED BELOW:

TOWN COUNSEL	\$ 70,000
VETERANS' BUDGET	<u>\$ 11,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 81,000

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLES 7-13 AND 19 WERE ALL DISMISSED WITH ONE MOTION AND VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of sick-leave and/or vacation leave buy-back amounts, for employees retiring during FY'02, as well as other costs required to be paid at retirement by collective bargaining contract or by-law, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Pension Reserve Fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 5D, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under Chapter 40 Section 5 of the Mass. General laws for use by the Conservation Commission in accordance with said General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2002, or take any other action relative thereto. ((See Budget to be distributed at Town Meeting) (Submitted by Capital Planning Comm./Town Adm.) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Budget to be distributed at Town Meeting). (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$44,334,348 OF WHICH \$41,263,885 SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXATION, \$15,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND, \$40,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PENSION RESERVE FUND, \$116,525 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND, \$507,624 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM OFFSET RECEIPTS, \$50,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM WATER SURPLUS, AND \$2,341,314 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM WATER RECEIPTS, ALL TO MEET THE TOWN CHARGES, INCLUDING SALARIES AND EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002, WITH THE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN THE COLUMN CAPTIONED "CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS" TO BE APPROPRIATED CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE OF A PROPOSITION 2 ½ REFERENDUM QUESTION UNDER MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C, AS FOLLOWS:

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	NON-CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	TOTAL
01-003	SELECTMEN	370,816		370,816
01-007	TOWN COUNSEL	220,000		220,000
01-011	FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,500		4,500
01-013	RESERVE FUND	50,000		50,000
01-025	ACCOUNTANT	143,117		143,117
01-029	ASSESSORS	182,565		182,565
01-033	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	304,991		304,991
01-039	TOWN CLERK	187,877		187,877
01-051	DATA PROCESSING	202,203		202,203
01-063	PLANNING & ZONING	112,813		112,813
01-101	POLICE	2,922,084		2,922,084
01-103	FIRE	2,277,266		2,277,266
01-104	AMBULANCE	314,040		314,040
01-105	FIRE ALARM	26,200		26,200
01-113	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	231,861		231,861
01-225	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	363,104		363,104
01-300	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,473,458		2,473,458
01-487	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	34,423		34,423
01-501	BOARD OF HEALTH	175,886		175,886
01-531	COUNCIL ON AGING	160,056		160,056
01-551	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	120,290		120,290
01-600	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	68,610		68,610
01-601	RECREATION - POOL	32,334		32,334
01-625	LIBRARY	392,244		392,244
01-700	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	3,148,126		3,148,126
01-750	UNCLASSIFIED	5,124,824		5,124,824
	MUNICIPAL CAPITAL BUDGET	-	500,000	500,000
61-500	WATER DIVISION	1,841,648		1,841,648
	SUB-TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	21,485,336	500,000	21,985,336
	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	(1,173,251)	1,173,251	-

	NET GENERAL GOVERNMENT	20,312,085	1,673,251	21,985,336
	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	22,349,012		22,349,012
	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	(692,658)	692,658	-
	NET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	21,656,354	692,658	22,349,012
	TOTAL FY 2002 BUDGET	41,968,439	2,365,909	44,334,348

The following items were held during the budget discussion: Reserve Fund, Police, DPW, Veterans, Unclassified, Contingent Capital, Water. All unheld items were voted unanimously. After discussion on the held items, the main motion as proposed was a **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

There was then a motion to RECONSIDER Article 14 which was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay the legal expenses of certain individuals, with said legal expenses having been incurred as a result of testifying on behalf of the Town of Easton, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED**.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 19K of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws; and Section 108P of Chapter 42 of the Massachusetts General Laws that were approved December 30, 1999 as follows:

Section 19K. In any town, that accepts this section, a town clerk who has completed the necessary courses of study and training, and has been awarded a certificate by the Massachusetts Town Clerk’s Association as a certified Massachusetts municipal clerk, shall receive as compensation from such town, in addition to the regular annual compensation paid by such town for services in such office, an amount equal to 10 per cent of such regular annual compensation, but not more than \$1,000 per year. In order to qualify for such additional compensation, a town clerk shall submit to the board of selectmen of such town proof of the award of such certificate. The additional compensation provided in this section shall be prorated for any 12month period in which an eligible person does not hold the office of town clerk for 12 consecutive months. Such additional compensation shall discontinue when certification is discontinued or withdrawn.

Section 108P. In any city, town or district that accepts this section, a collector or a treasurer who has completed the necessary courses of study and training, and has been awarded a certificate by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association as a certified Massachusetts municipal collector or a certified Massachusetts municipal treasurer or a certified Massachusetts district treasurer, shall receive as compensation from such city, town or district, in addition to the regular annual compensation paid by such city, town or district for services in such office, an amount equal to 10 per cent of such regular annual compensation, but not more than \$1,000 per year. A collector or treasurer who has been awarded both certificates referred to above shall receive such additional compensation for only one such certificate. In order to qualify for such additional compensation, a collector or treasurer shall submit to the mayor or the board of selectmen of such city or town, or the governing board of a district proof of the award of either or both such certificates. The additional compensation provided in this section shall be prorated for any 12month period in which an eligible person does not hold the office of collector or treasurer for 12 consecutive months. Such additional compensation shall be discontinued when certification is discontinued or withdrawn.
Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVE TO ACCEPT SECTION 19K OF CHAPTER 41 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS; AND SECTION 108P OF CHAPTER 42 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS THAT WERE APPROVED DECEMBER 30, 1999 AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, section 22F as follows:

Chapter 40, 22F. Any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons, may, from time to time, fix reasonable fees for

all such licenses, permits, or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations, wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with such issuing city or town, and may fix reasonable charges to be paid for any services rendered or work performed by the city or town or any department thereof, for any person or class of persons; provided, however, that in the case of a board or officer appointed by an elected board, the fixing of such fee shall be subject to the review and approval of such elected board.

A fee or charge imposed pursuant to this section shall supersede fees or charges already in effect, or any limitations on amounts placed thereon for the same service, work, license, permit or certificate; provided, however, that this section shall not supersede the provisions of section 31 to 77, inclusive, of chapter 6A, chapter 80, chapter 83, chapter 138, section 121 to 131N, inclusive, of chapter 140 or section 10A of chapter 148. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any certificate, service or work required by chapters fifty to fifty-six, inclusive, or by chapter sixty-six. The fee or charge being collected immediately prior to acceptance of this section for any license, permit, certificate service or work will be utilized until a new fee or charge is fixed under this section.

The provisions of this section may be accepted in a city by a vote of the city council, with the approval of the mayor if so required by law, and in a town by vote of the town meeting, or by vote of the town council in towns with no town meeting.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW, CHAPTER 40, SECTION 22F AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. General Law Ch. 31, sec. 58A. providing for additional time that a veteran may have to apply for firefighter or police officer positions, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF MASS. GENERAL LAW CH. 31, SEC. 58A. PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL TIME THAT A VETERAN MAY HAVE TO APPLY FOR FIREFIGHTER OR POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton by deleting Chapter 22 Finance Committee, Section 2 Vacancies in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton by adding a new section to Chapter 93 ALARMS following 93-18 E, to be known as section 93-18 F as follows:

93.18 F. Fees under this section may be set from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO CHAPTER 93 ALARMS FOLLOWING 93-18 E, TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 93-18 F AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

*At 9:52 p.m. it was **VOTED TO DISSOLVE** the Annual Town Meeting. Total Present – 377*

A true record. Attest:

, CMC/AEE/CMMC, Town Clerk

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precincts One, Two and Four to meet at the Junior High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue; those residing in Precincts Three and Six to meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street and those residing in Precinct 5 to meet at the Easton Baptist Church, 197 Bay Road, on Tuesday the 24th day of April,

2001 at 7:00 in the forenoon to bring their votes all on one ballot for two Selectmen for terms of three years; One Assessor for a term of three years; One Assessor for a term of two years; Two School Committee members for terms of three years; One Board of Health member for a term of three years; One Housing Authority member for a term of five years; Three Finance Committee members for terms of three years; One Finance Committee member for a term of two years; and to vote on the following question: QUESTION 1. Shall the Town of Easton accept section 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, a summary of which appears below?

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families housing needs. In Easton, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property (that is, on the amount of your tax bill) and by matching funds provided by the state. Excluded from this surcharge would be the first \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property, and property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws (for example, elderly or veterans exemptions) will receive a pro-rata reduction in the surcharge based upon the amount of the exemption. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens shall make recommendations on the use of the funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit and to Town Meeting appropriation. YES NO

The polls will be opened at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00 P.M.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return on this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of the Warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return on the Warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of officers elected, at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of March in the year Two Thousand One.

Carla A. Goodwin, Chairman
William D. Hardin, Clerk
Patricia E. Webster
Leo R. Harlow
Jeffrey L. Tufts
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. March 29, 2001

By virtue hereof and as within directed I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest:

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, April 24, 2001. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Ethel Gardner, Albert Becker, Wilfred Roberge, Patricia Fruzzetti, Joseph Quietto, Inspectors.

Precinct Two – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison; Jean Harney, Clerk; William MacMullen, Joan Healey, Virginia Corte, Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, Mary Jane Wood, Inspectors.

Precinct Three – Evelyn Carlson, Acting Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk; Ella Porter, Beverly Hanson, Patricia Dooley, E. Pamela Corbett, Joseph Camara, Rose Furlong, Inspectors.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert Leonard; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Barbara Walsh, Lorraine Anderson, Catharine Becker, Laetitia Tremblay, Inspectors.

Precinct Five – Beverly Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks; Helena Luxton, Clerk; William McAndrews, Elizabeth Verity, E. Louise Vose, Bennie Moore, Mary Louise Newman, Inspectors.

Precinct Six – Mary Norrman, Warden; William Sullivan; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Filimona Malcosky; Jean Fisher, Joan Hayward, Inspectors.

Total Votes Cast:	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
	733	906	445	756	730	646	4216
Election Results:	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
(Bold type = Elected to Office)							
SELECTMEN (Three Years) (Not more than Two)							
Carla A. Goodwin	410	494	232	427	474	387	2424
Jeffrey L. Tufts	413	491	239	408	473	408	2432
Brian F. Howell	199	236	158	183	169	177	1122
James D. Mullen, Jr.	294	382	177	323	224	218	1618
Write-Ins	4	3	3	3	2	6	21
Blanks	146	206	81	168	118	96	815
Total	1466	1812	890	1512	1460	1292	8432
ASSESSOR (Three Years) (One)							
Wallace M. Fulcher	522	642	332	507	502	480	2985
Write-Ins	2	2	0	2	1	4	11
Blanks	209	262	113	247	227	162	1220
Total	733	906	445	756	730	646	4216
ASSESSOR (Two Years) (One)							
Shaun Fitzgerald	491	575	315	484	479	448	2792
Write-Ins	1	2	2	2	2	3	12
Blanks	241	329	128	270	249	195	1412
Total	733	906	445	756	730	646	4216

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More Than Two)							
Lennart K. Altieri	445	557	256	450	469	384	2561
Dawn Marie Boynton	486	567	279	482	505	395	2714
Walter C. Tramontano	193	214	142	216	203	211	1179
Write-Ins	1	0	1	5	1	3	11
Blanks	341	474	212	359	282	299	1967
Total	1466	1812	890	1512	1460	1292	8432
BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years) (One)							
Robert J. Kane	548	664	356	541	518	500	3127
Write-Ins	3	4	2	0	0	2	11
Blanks	182	238	87	215	212	144	1078
Total	733	906	445	756	730	646	4216
HOUSING AUTHORITY (Five Years) (One)							
Sandra L. Conant	485	566	318	486	471	449	2775
Write-Ins	0	2	0	1	0	3	6
Blanks	248	338	127	269	259	194	1435
Total	733	906	445	756	730	646	4216
FINANCE COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More than Three)							
David W. Brown	467	552	287	467	460	421	2654
Heidi M. Churchill	443	542	297	442	469	426	2619
John J. Kent	500	586	296	484	460	439	2765
Write-Ins -	1	6	4	2	3	0	16
Blanks	788	1032	451	873	798	652	4594
Total	2199	2718	1335	2268	2190	1938	12648
FINANCE COMMITTEE (Two Years) (One)							
Mark A. Tuniewicz	455	538	318	458	452	437	2658
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	1	2	4
Blanks	278	367	127	298	277	207	1554
Total	733	906	445	756	730	646	4216
QUESTION 1 - Community Preservation Act							
Yes	356	409	202	342	392	308	2009
No	322	416	216	353	276	302	1885
Blanks	55	81	27	61	62	36	322
Total	733	906	445	756	730	646	4216

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 4, 2001

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 4th Day of June, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
JUNE 4, 2001

At 7:13 p.m. it was moved and VOTED to Adjourn the Special Town Meeting until after the conclusion of the Annual Town Meeting on June 4, 2001. The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard C. Dailey at 9:52 p.m. with quorum present.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for legal, consulting and other costs related to the continued opposition to the proposed extension of commuter rail services to and through the Town of Easton, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to reimburse three witnesses for legal expenses incurred due to their testimony in the defense of the Easton Police Chief, and the Town of Easton, in lengthy court proceedings regarding the Police Chief's denial of a firearms permit. Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$12,000 TO REIMBURSE THREE WITNESSES FOR LEGAL EXPENSES INCURRED DUE TO THEIR TESTIMONY IN THE DEFENSE OF THE EASTON POLICE CHIEF, AND THE TOWN OF EASTON, IN LENGTHY COURT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING THE POLICE CHIEF'S DENIAL OF A FIREARMS PERMIT.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to indemnify Kevin Paicos, Town Administrator, for legal expenses incurred in defending himself against unjust charges brought before the State Ethics Commission, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

Moderator Dailey recused himself during discussion of Article 3. Deputy Moderator John Creedon took over for this Article only.

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$7,410 TO INDEMNIFY KEVIN PAICOS, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, FOR LEGAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN DEFENDING HIMSELF AGAINST UNJUST CHARGES BROUGHT BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) and, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 40, section 14 (Mass. Gen. Laws, c. 40, §14), authorize the Selectmen to purchase by quitclaim deed a good and marketable title to property owned by William Bertarelli and Paul Bertarelli, consisting of forty-eight and seven tenths (48.7) acres, more or less, on Chestnut Street, North Easton, shown as lot 8 on the Assessors' Map 7R. Said land is to be purchased under the authority of Mass. Gen. Laws, c. 40, §8C, as land for conservation purposes. To meet that appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws, c. 44, §7(3), or any other authority, contingent on the Town voting to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Mass. Gen. Laws, c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2½), amounts required to pay the principal of, and interest on, the borrowing authorized by this vote, or do or act relating thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)
DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton, Ch. 59, Personnel, Article XI, Clothing Allowance, Paragraph 59-49, by adding the "Police Chief" after the "Deputy Police Chief", or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, CH. 59, PERSONNEL, ARTICLE XI, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE, PARA. 59-49, BY ADDING THE WORDS "POLICE CHIEF" AFTER THE WORDS "DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF". VOTED.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote under Article 4 of the March 12, 2001 adjourned session of the March 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting, which vote appropriated by transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$25,000 to replace the parapet wall on Main Street at Langwater Pond, with combination traffic and pedestrian railings, by increasing the amount of the appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AMEND THE VOTE UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE MARCH 12, 2001 ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE MARCH 5, 2001 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, WHICH VOTE APPROPRIATED BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$25,000 TO REPLACE THE PARAPET WALL ON MAIN STREET AT LANGWATER POND, WITH COMBINATION TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN RAILINGS, BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE APPROPRIATION TO 46,756. BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,756. VOTED.

A motion to RECONSIDER Article 6 was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will appropriate by transfer from Water Surplus the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new utility service truck or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$30,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW UTILITY SERVICE TRUCK FOR THE WATER DIVISION. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate by transfer from available funds or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Ch.44 the sum of \$150,000.00 to fund an addition to the water division office at 417 Bay Rd. to include all design and construction costs, Handicapped accessibility and miscellaneous improvements, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED THAT \$150,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR CONSTRUCTING, ORIGINALLY EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING AN ADDITION TO THE WATER DIVISION OFFICE AT 417 BAY ROAD, INCLUDING ALL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS, HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$150,000 UNDER G.L. C44, §7(3) OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

It was VOTED to take Article 22 out of sequence. Report of action is in numerical sequence.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of the abatement of asbestos in various school boiler rooms. The abatement is required so that the new boiler at the Jr. High School can be installed and so other repairs may be done, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE SUM OF \$22,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ABATEMENT OF ASBESTOS, AND RELATED COSTS IN THE EJHS BOILER ROOM(S). **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the repair of certain roads in Easton. Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE AMES HIGHWAY TRUST FUND, THE SUM OF \$40,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REPAIRS TO CERTAIN ROADS IN EASTON. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay expenses for a fixed asset study and other related costs in preparation for the implementation of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34 (GASB 34), or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO APPROPRIATE FROM LOTTERY SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$30,000 TO PAY EXPENSES FOR A FIXED ASSET STUDY AND OTHER RELATED COSTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENT NUMBER 34 (GASB 34). **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Board of Health to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2002, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from holders of any food permits to be known as "Food Inspection Services/Education Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to any qualified Food Inspector for Food Service Inspections and/or for educational seminars for food handlers and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and which said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended to any qualified Food Inspector for the purpose of paying for educational seminars for food handlers, and for administrative costs related thereto;
 2. Only fees received from properly permitted food establishments shall be deposited in said account;
 3. The Board of Health shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
 4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2002, "Food Inspection Services/Education Account" shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Board of Health, from food establishments during said Fiscal 2002;
 5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'02 is \$12,500,
- or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Health)

(This was moved and voted "as printed in the Warrant with the exception of #1." The following is what was approved.)

MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF HEALTH PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. CH. 44, SEC. 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 2002, WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATELY FROM ALL OTHER MONIES OF THE TOWN, TO WHICH SHALL BE CREDITED ONLY DEPARTMENTAL FEES FROM HOLDERS OF ANY FOOD PERMITS TO BE KNOWN AS "FOOD INSPECTION SERVICES/EDUCATION ACCOUNT", AND FUNDS FROM SAID ACCOUNT MAY BE PAID OUT TO ANY QUALIFIED FOOD INSPECTOR FOR FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS AND/OR FOR EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS FOR FOOD HANDLERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WHICH SAID AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. *THE REVOLVING FUND MAY BE EXPENDED TO PAY ANY QUALIFIED FOOD INSPECTOR TO CONDUCT **FOOD INSPECTION SERVICES AND/OR** EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS FOR FOOD HANDLERS, AND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO;*
2. *ONLY FEES RECEIVED FROM PROPERLY PERMITTED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SAID ACCOUNT;*
3. *THE BOARD OF HEALTH SHALL BE THE ONLY BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;*
4. *THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM FISCAL 2002, "FOOD INSPECTION SERVICES/EDUCATION ACCOUNT" SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES AND RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH, FROM FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS DURING SAID FISCAL 2002;*
5. *THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY'02 IS \$12,500,*

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the following parcels of Tax Title Land, more particularly described in the Tax Assessors Records, presently held by the Board of Selectmen for “any municipal purposes”, the Board of Selectmen having determined that such parcels of land are no longer needed for such purposes pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 14, to the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission for all purposes included in M.G.L. Ch. 40, s. 8C, as it now reads or may hereafter be amended, pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Ch. 30, Section 15A:

Last Owner	Map/Lot	Location	Lot size	Recording Date	Book/Page
John Milcetch	R19-39	Dean St.	5.2 ac	08-15-95	6487-347
Patrick Kelley	R11-78	470 Depot St.	7.17 ac	02-10-97	7090-187
Remus Realty	R10-156	20 Armor Ln.	40,057 sf	07-14-97	7206-342
Remus Realty	R10-160	15 Roundtable Rd.	40,325 sf	11-14-97	7363-348
Remus Realty	R10-172	8 Roundtable Rd.	40,000 sf	08-12-94	6111-269

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

MOVED TO TRANSFER THE CARE, CUSTODY, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF TAX TITLE LAND, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to set the fees for Connections to Fire Department by Master Box fees, pursuant to the Town of Easton By-Laws, section 93-18.
Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SET THE FEES FOR CONNECTIONS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT BY MASTER BOX FEES, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to set the fines for Updating Information, pursuant to the Town of Easton By-Laws, section 93-19.
Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO ALLOW THE SELECTMEN TO SET THE FINES FOR UPDATING INFORMATION, PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON TOWN CODE, SECTION 93-19. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to set the fines for Fines for Malfunctions, pursuant to the Town of Easton By-Laws, section 93-20.
Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SET THE FINES FOR “FINES FOR MALFUNCTIONS”, PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON TOWN CODE, SECTION 93-20. VOTED.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a Home Rule Petition allowing the Town to amend the Easton Home Rule Charter at Article 7, General Provisions, Section C7-10, Recall Petitions, to make consistent the timing of the election with the opinion of the State Secretary Elections Division, by deleting from subsection (d) thereof the words "order that an election be held not less than 25 days nor more than 35 days after the date of the Town Clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition be filed" and replace them with the following: - "order an election be held not less than 64 days after the date of the Town Clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition be filed."
Or take any action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED.**

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the code of the Town of Easton Chapter 44 Meetings, section 44-1 Annual Town Meeting to read as follows:
"The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the third Monday of May each year," or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON CHAPTER 44 MEETINGS, SECTION 44-1 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
"THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF MAY EACH YEAR,"

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 44, Section 44-5 of the Code of the Town of Easton by changing the quorum requirements from 200 to 0 as follows:

"Section 44-5. Quorum

- A. At a Special Meeting of the town, not less than 0 registered voters shall
Constitute a quorum.
- B. At an Annual Town Meeting of the town, not less than 0 registered
Voters shall constitute a quorum."

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AMEND CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON BY CHANGING THE QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FROM 200 TO 0 AS FOLLOWS:

"SECTION 44-5. QUORUM

- A. *AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN, NOT LESS THAN 0 REGISTERED VOTERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.*
- B. *AT AN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN, NOT LESS THAN 0 REGISTERED VOTERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM."*

NOT A VOTE.

(The following amendment was NOT A VOTE:

- A. *At a Special Town Meeting of the town, not less than 200 registered voters shall constitute a quorum for all Articles appropriation or transferring of funds. On all other Articles, no less than 9 registered voters shall constitute a quorum.*
- B. *At the Annual Town Meeting of the town, not less than 200 registered voters shall constitute a quorum for all Articles appropriation or transferring of funds. On all other Articles, no less than 9 registered voters shall constitute a quorum.)*

(An Amendment to the Amendment to have 200 to CONVENE Town Meeting only, with a curfew of 11 p.m. was NOT A VOTE.)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of the right-of-way known as Marshall Road, said portion to be discontinued having been determined to be no longer needed for public purposes, and said portion to be discontinued being depicted on a plan of land entitled "Marshall Road Extension," prepared by J.K. Holmgren and Associates Registered Engineers and Land Surveyors, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS MARSHALL ROAD, SAID PORTION TO BE DISCONTINUED HAVING BEEN DETERMINED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, AND SAID PORTION TO BE DISCONTINUED BEING DEPICTED ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "PLAN OF LAND, MARSHALL ROAD, EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS" PREPARED BY J.K. HOLMGREN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. DATED 5/30/01, AND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for and on behalf of the Town, to convey to abutting land owners all or part of the discontinued portion of Marshall Road for \$1.00 per parcel, said conveyances being depicted on a plan of land entitled "Marshall Road Extension," prepared by J.K. Holmgren and Associates Registered Engineers and Land Surveyors, and being further described as follows:

- 1) To the owner of the property shown on Town of Easton Assessor's Atlas Map no. U2 as Lot 2 (a/k/a 26 Marshall Road) purported to be owned by Sheryl Holman Weiss.
- 2) To the owner of the property shown on Town of Easton Assessor's Atlas Map no. U2 as Lot 17 (a/k/a 29 Marshall Road) purported to be owned by Maria Marchand.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, TO CONVEY TO ABUTTING LAND OWNERS THE DISCONTINUED PORTION OF MARSHALL ROAD FOR \$1.00 PER PARCEL, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for and on behalf of the Town, to convey the following parcels of land for the purpose of developing affordable housing:

- 1) Town of Easton Assessor's Atlas Map no. U18 as Lot 43 (located to the rear of Electric Avenue and having an area of 5,383 square feet, more or less)
- 2) Town of Easton Assessor's Atlas Map no. U18 as Lot 46 (located to the rear of Electric Avenue and having an area of 10,000 square feet, more or less)
- 3) Town of Easton Assessor's Atlas Map no. U18 as Lot 47 (located on Electric Avenue and having an area of 6,750 square feet, more or less)
- 4) Town of Easton Assessor's Atlas Map no. U22 as Lot 126 (located on Baldwin Street and having an area of 10,890 square feet, more or less)

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT AND WITH CONDITIONS THAT PROPERTY BE USED FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THE

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to establish a standing committee of the Town to be known as the Community Preservation Committee, which shall consist of nine (9) persons.

A. Members shall consist of, and be appointed as provided in, the following:

1. One member of the Conservation Commission, as designated by said Commission, for a term of three (3) years;
2. One member of the Historical Commission, as designated by said Commission, initially for a term of two (2) years, and thereafter for a term of three (3) years;
3. One member of the Recreation Commission, as designated by said Commission, initially for a term of one (1) year, and thereafter for a term of three (3) years;
4. One member of the Housing Authority, as designated by said Authority, for a term of three (3) years;
5. One member of the Planning & Zoning Board, as designated by said Board, initially for a term of two (2) years, and thereafter for a term of three (3) years.
6. Four citizens at large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Initially one citizen at large shall be appointed for a term of three years, one citizen at large for a term of two years, and two citizens at large for terms of one year; thereafter, all such appointments shall be for terms of three (3) years. These positions shall be advertised to the public in like manner as all other standing committees of the Town. As to at least one of said citizens at large, preference shall be given to a member or director of the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, Inc.

B. The purpose of said Committee shall be to carry out the functions described therefor in Chapter 267 of the Acts of 2000, known as the Community Preservation Act. Said Committee shall be guided by Sections (b)(1) through (b)(3), inclusive, of said Act.

C. The Committee shall meet as it deems appropriate, not less than once in each quarter, and shall evaluate such proposals as are submitted to it for use of the funds available to the Town under said Community Preservation Act. It shall prioritize them in such manner as, in its best judgment, shall allow the Town to best utilize its funds available under said Act.

D. The Committee shall prepare and submit to the Town Meeting a report recommending the application of said Community Preservation Act funds in accordance with its priorities as determined for the year. It shall prepare such further reports as the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Meeting may direct. Such report shall contain within the same the estimated costs of every such acquisition and/or expenditure recommended.

E. The Committee may, but need not, utilize such funds as are permitted to it under said Act for staff, or for administrative expenses. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for meeting and/or voting purposes.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

(This was moved "as printed in Warrant except last sentence of A.(6) is to be deleted." The following is the correct wording of the VOTED Article):

MOVED TO ESTABLISH A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN TO BE KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF NINE (9) PERSONS.

A. MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF, AND BE APPOINTED AS PROVIDED IN, THE FOLLOWING:

1. ONE MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID COMMISSION, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS;
2. ONE MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID COMMISSION, INITIALLY FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, AND THEREAFTER FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS;
3. ONE MEMBER OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID COMMISSION, INITIALLY FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, AND THEREAFTER FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS;
4. ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID AUTHORITY, FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS;
5. ONE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD, AS DESIGNATED BY SAID BOARD, INITIALLY FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, AND THEREAFTER FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.
6. FOUR CITIZENS AT LARGE, APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. INITIALLY ONE CITIZEN AT LARGE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, ONE CITIZEN AT LARGE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TWO CITIZENS AT LARGE FOR TERMS OF ONE YEAR; THEREAFTER, ALL SUCH APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE FOR TERMS OF THREE (3) YEARS. THESE POSITIONS SHALL BE ADVERTISED TO THE PUBLIC IN LIKE MANNER AS ALL OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN.

B. THE PURPOSE OF SAID COMMITTEE SHALL BE TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED THEREFOR IN CHAPTER 267 OF THE ACTS OF 2000, KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT. SAID COMMITTEE SHALL BE GUIDED BY SECTIONS (B)(1) THROUGH (B)(3), INCLUSIVE, OF SAID ACT.

C. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, NOT LESS THAN ONCE IN EACH QUARTER, AND SHALL EVALUATE SUCH PROPOSALS AS ARE SUBMITTED TO IT FOR USE OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE TOWN UNDER SAID COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT. IT SHALL PRIORITIZE THEM IN SUCH MANNER AS, IN ITS BEST JUDGMENT, SHALL ALLOW THE TOWN TO BEST UTILIZE ITS FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER SAID ACT.

D. THE COMMITTEE SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE TOWN MEETING A REPORT RECOMMENDING THE APPLICATION OF SAID COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PRIORITIES AS DETERMINED FOR THE YEAR. IT SHALL PREPARE SUCH FURTHER REPORTS AS THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND/OR THE TOWN MEETING MAY DIRECT. SUCH REPORT SHALL CONTAIN WITHIN THE SAME THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF EVERY SUCH ACQUISITION AND/OR EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDED.

E. THE COMMITTEE MAY, BUT NEED NOT, UTILIZE SUCH FUNDS AS ARE PERMITTED TO IT UNDER SAID ACT FOR STAFF, OR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR MEETING AND/OR VOTING PURPOSES.

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Ch 411 of the Acts of 2000: An Act Relative to the Election of Retirement Options for Certain Retirees, which reads as follows:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of section 135 of chapter 697 of the acts of 1987, the provisions of the first paragraph of section 58B of chapter 32 of the General Laws shall apply to benefits received pursuant to applications for such benefits, allowances or other payments made before January 12, 1988.

This act shall be prospective from the effective date of this act and shall not entitle a veteran to retroactive benefits.

This act shall take effect in a city, town, county, district or authority subject to the approval of the legislative body. For the purposes of this act, legislative body shall mean, in the case of a city, the city council in accordance with its charter, in the case of a town, the town meeting, in the case of a county, the county retirement board advisory council, in the case of a region, the governing body, in the case of a district, the district members, and, in the case of an authority, the governing body."

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED FOR THE TOWN TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CH 411 OF THE ACTS OF 2000: AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF RETIREMENT OPTIONS FOR CERTAIN RETIREES, WHICH READS AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the non-binding reports of the Planning and Zoning Board concerning its recommendations in regard to the proposed amendments of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Articles 25 through 33, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein). (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

*MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NON-BINDING REPORTS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD CONCERNING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AND ZONING MAP TO BE VOTED ON UNDER ARTICLES 25 THROUGH 33. **VOTED.***

*Articles 26-29 (Street Acceptances) were included in one motion (as printed in the Warrant) and **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, ANDREWS FARM ROAD, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 2+45.86 as shown on plan entitled "As-Built and Acceptance Plan of Andrews Farm Road Easton, Massachusetts," surveyed for Andrews Farm Nominee Trust, by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated March 27, 2001 revised April 2, 2001, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*MOVE TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, ANDREWS FARM ROAD, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, OLD POST ROAD, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 8+20.73 as shown on plan entitled "As-Built and Acceptance Plan of Old Post Road Easton, Massachusetts," surveyed for Andrews Farm Nominee Trust, by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated April 2, 2001, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which

such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies with the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, OLD POST ROAD, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, LEWIS ROAD, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 6+71.20 as shown on plan entitled "As-Built and Acceptance Plan of Lewis Road, Easton, Massachusetts," surveyed for Misty Brook Realty Trust, by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated March 15, 2001 or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*MOVED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, LEWIS ROAD, AS A PUBLIC WAY AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, CORNERSTONE DRIVE, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 16+0 as shown on plan entitled "As-Built and Acceptance Plan of Cornerstone Drive in Easton, MA.," surveyed for George S. Fossella and Marie F. Fossella, by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated March 7, 2001, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said way shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed required "as-built acceptance of land" and "deed of gift" together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such way acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, CORNERSTONE DRIVE, AS PUBLIC WAY AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning Map dated June 12, 2000 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by the Town of Easton under the control of the Conservation Commission, and described as follows to Municipal and Open Space:

1. Property gifted to the Town of Easton, identified as Parcel 2B shown on Assessor's Map U38-98, consisting of 2.22 acres more or less, located at 390R Center Street.
2. Property gifted to the Town of Easton, identified on Assessor's Map R19-222, consisting of 22.2 acres more or less, located at 15R Winnecunnett Way.

(Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

*MOVED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING MAP DATED JUNE 12, 2000 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to update and amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated June 12, 2000 (original date March 7, 1973), which has been updated with zoning changes previously approved at the Special Town Meeting of June 12, 2000. These changes include:

1. 445 Bay Road Assessor's Map U50 as Lot 50, consisting of 50 acres, more or less; Residential to Municipal & Open Space.
2. Parcel B shown on Assessor's Map R8 as Lot 381 consisting of 18.05 acres, more or less; Residential to Municipal & Open Space.
3. Lot 7-22 Clara Howard Way shown on Assessor's Map U2 as Lot 35 consisting of 10.813 acres, more or less, Residential to Municipal & Open Space.
4. 254 and 256 Elm Street shown on Assessor's Map U9 as Lot 40 and U9 as Lot 53, consisting of 17.7 acres and 11.2 more or less; Residential to Municipal & Open Space.
5. Lot B-210R Prospect Street shown on Assessor's Map R19 as Lot 225 consisting of 14.85 acres, more or less; Residential to Municipal & Open Space.
6. Parcel A-1 Misty Brook Lane shown on Assessor's Map R8 as Lot 382 consisting of 16.27 acres, more or less, Residential to Municipal & Open Space.

(Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

MOVED TO UPDATE AND AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED JUNE 12, 2000 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973), WHICH HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH ZONING CHANGES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2000 AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 32. 7 – 11. Flood Plain

The purpose of the Flood Plain is to preserve and protect streams, brooks, ponds, lakes, and other water courses and their adjoining lands within the Town; to protect the health and safety of persons and property against the hazards of flooding; to preserve the natural flood control characteristics, and the flood storage capacity of the flood plain, and to preserve and maintain the ground water table and water recharge areas within the flood plain; to protect the community against the detrimental use and development of lands adjoining such water courses and to conserve the watershed areas of the Town for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

- A) District Delineation: The general boundaries of the Flood Plain District are shown on the Easton Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), dated August 9, 2000, as Zones A, A1-30 to indicate the 100 year flood plain. The exact boundaries of the District are defined by the 100 year flood water surface elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Profiles contained in the Flood Insurance Study dated August 9, 2000. The Floodway boundaries are delineated on the Easton Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), dated August 9, 2000 and further defined by the Floodway Data Tables contained in the Flood Insurance Study. These two maps, as well as, the accompanying Study are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Planning & Zoning Board.
1. Within Zone A at any location where the 100 year flood elevation is not shown on the FIRM, the Planning & Zoning Board may utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other official sources as criteria for requiring that new construction, substantial improvements or other development within Zone A meet 44 CFR 60.
 2. Within Zone A at any location where the 100 year flood elevation is not specifically delineated on the FIRM and no base flood elevations and floodway data is available from Federal, State, or other official sources, the base flood elevation shall be developed by a Registered Professional Engineer, assuming 7 inches of rain falling on the watershed area over a 24 period.

3. Base flood elevation data shall be required for all new subdivisions and other proposed development (including for manufactured home parks and subdivisions), as per Section 60.3 (b) (3) of the National Flood Insurance Program regulations. Should all areas of the site be above the base flood elevation, it should be so noted on the plans.
4. In riverine situations, adjacent communities and the State Coordinating Office must be notified prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse and submit copies of such notifications to the Coordinating Agency Administrator, as per Section 60.3 (b) (6) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and Flood Hazard Management Program Model By Laws for Floodplain Districts, Article III Notification of Watercourse Alteration.
5. Regulatory floodways must be designed to carry the waters of the base flood without increasing the base flood water surface more than one foot at any point, as per Section 60.3(d) (2) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations.

B) Permitted Uses: See Table of Use Regulations, Section V, 5-3.

C) Use Regulations

1. The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts and these overlain districts shall be subject to all requirements of the Flood Plain District. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Article 227 Town of Easton By-law, Chapter 131, Section 40 of the

Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses flood plain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR 3107.0 "Flood Resistant Construction");

Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)(currently 310 CMR 10.00);

Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 302 CMR 6.00);

Coastal Wetlands Restrictions, DEP (currently 302 CMR 4.00)

Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

2. Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above reference state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.
3. No encroachment, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other developments within the regulatory floodway will be allowed unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in and increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge, as per Section 60.3 (d) (3) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations.

D) Exceptions: The following exceptions are specifically exempted from Paragraph 7-11:

1. All residential, commercial, business, educational and municipal buildings and those portions only of their lots therefore needed for such repair, rebuilding, modifications, or enlargement thereof,
 - a. existing in the Flood Plain District as of March 7, 1973 or

b. for which building permits had been issued prior to March 7, 1973.

2. All buildings referred to above may be repaired, rebuilt, modified or enlarged, including, but not limited to, the addition of garages or living space and construction of appurtenant use of the building together with such filling, diking, and/or as may be necessary for the protection of said structures from flooding consistent with all other laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to this Zoning By-law. It should be noted that exceptions to the By-laws do not constitute exceptions to appropriate state regulations.

3. The above exceptions do not apply to the requirements of Paragraph C3.

E) Prohibited Uses: Dumping, filling, excavating or transferring of any material which will reduce the natural storage capacity of the land, interfere with the natural flow patterns of any watercourses or degrade the quality of surface or ground water within this District is prohibited, except as provided in paragraph (B) herein and activities that are incidental to flood or mosquito control work performed by or under the direction of an authorized governmental agency or activities incidental to the agricultural uses described in Section V, 5-3.

F) If any land within the Flood Plain District is found by the Board of Appeals not to be subject to seasonal or periodic flooding and unsuitable drainage conditions, the Board of Appeals, may, after a public hearing with due notice, approve the use of such land and for the construction and erection of a building or structure for any purpose permitted in the underlying District, subject, however, to any other applicable provision of the Zoning By-law. Prior to the required public hearing, the Board of Appeals shall refer the case to the Planning & Zoning Board, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission for their review and report. Such report must be issued within 45 days of receipt of the question. Failure to respond by any such Board or Commission within the said 45 day limit will be deemed an approval of any such Board or Commission.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

MOVED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY-LAW BY DELETING SECTION 7-11, FLOOD PLAIN, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACING IT WITH THE LANGUAGE AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map, dated June 12, 2000 (original date March 7, 1973) by changing that portion, shown as residential, of a parcel of land to industrial. The Parcel, now owned by Robert Gilmore, is principally zoned industrial and described as follows:

605 Foundry Street, Rte 106 consisting of 40 acres, more or less shown on Assessor's Map R10 as lot 190,

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Citizen Petition)

MOVED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP, DATED JUNE 12, 2000 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) BY CHANGING THAT PORTION, SHOWN AS RESIDENTIAL, OF A PARCEL OF LAND TO INDUSTRIAL. THE PARCEL, NOW OWNED BY ROBERT GILMORE, IS PRINCIPALLY ZONED INDUSTRIAL AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

605 FOUNDRY STREET, RTE 106 CONSISTING OF 40 ACRES, MORE OR LESS SHOWN ON ASSESSOR'S MAP R10 AS LOT 190. YES 74, NO 11. VOTE CARRIES.

At 11:46 P.M. it was voted to DISSOLVE the Special Town Meeting. Total Voters Present – 377.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of May in the year two thousand and one.

William D. Hardin, Chairman
Jeffrey L. Tufts, Clerk
Patricia E. Webster
Carla A. Goodwin
Leo R. Harlow
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. May 19, 2001

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

William Francis Galvin

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Special State Primaries to vote at:

Precincts 2A & 4 – Easton Jr. High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue

Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road

Precinct 6 – Easton Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street

On **TUESDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2001**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following office:

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 9th day of July, 2001.

William D. Hardin

Jeffrey L. Tufts

Patricia D. Webster

Carla A. Goodwin

Leo R. Harlow

SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. July 12, 2001

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk of Easton

SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY
NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct 2A – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison; Jean Harney, Clerk; William MacMullen, Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, Joseph Camara, Inspectors.

Precinct 4 – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert Leonard, Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Evelyn Carlson, Barbara Walsh, Laetitia Tremblay, Catharine Becker, Inspectors.

Precinct 5 – Beverly Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks; Helena Luxton, Clerk; E. Louise Vose, William McAndrews, Bennie Moore, Elizabeth Verity, Louise Newman, Inspectors.

Precinct 6 – Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Estelle Blackman, Jean Fisher, William Sullivan, Filimona Malcosky, Clerk.

The number of ballots cast:					
(Bold Type = Winner in Easton)					
	Pct 2A	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Democratic Party	109	491	493	391	1484
Republican Party	45	125	118	122	410
Green Party	0	1	1	0	2
Libertarian Party	0	3	0	0	3
Total	154	620	612	513	1899
The result of the Primary election was:					
Democratic Party					
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 2A, 4, 5, 6)					
William A. Ferguson, Jr.	0	1	0	1	2
Cheryl Ann Jacques	41	161	179	136	517
Brian A. Joyce	17	61	67	44	189
Stephen F. Lynch	26	131	109	98	364
Marc R. Pacheco	21	123	126	105	375
William F. Sinnott	4	9	9	5	27
John E. Taylor	0	2	1	1	4
Write-in William R. Keating	0	0	1	0	1
Write-in Fred Clark	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	0	2	1	1	4
Total	109	491	493	391	1484
Republican Party					
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 2A, 4, 5, 6)					
William D. McKinney	9	22	14	19	64
Jo Ann Sprague	36	95	101	100	332
Write-In Pacheco	0	1	1	0	2

Write-In Steve Lynch	0	2	1	0	3
Blanks	0	5	1	3	9
Total	45	125	118	122	410
Green Party					
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 2A, 4, 5, 6)					
Write-Ins Noam Chompsky	0	1	0	0	1
Write-Ins Cheryl Jacques	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1	0	2
Libertarian Party					
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 2A, 4, 5, 6)					
Write-Ins Cheryl Jacques	0	1	0	0	1
Write-Ins William McKinney	0	1	0	0	1
Write-Ins JoAnn Sprague	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	3	0	0	3

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Easton
Special Town Election

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

Precincts 1, 2 & 4 – Easton Jr. High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue
Precincts 3 & 6 – Southeastern Regional High School Cafeteria, 250 Foundry Street
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road

On **SATURDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2001**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes for the following questions:

Question 1

Shall the Town of Easton be allowed to assess an additional \$1,865,909 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of adding \$1,173,251 to the municipal operating budget and \$692,658 to the school operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001?

Yes _____ No _____

Question 2

Shall the Town of Easton be allowed to assess an additional \$500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the municipal capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001?

Yes _____ No _____

Herof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of August, 2001.

William D. Hardin
Carla A. Goodwin
Patricia Webster
Jeffrey L. Tufts
Leo R. Harlow
Selectmen of Easton

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. August 21, 2001

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AE/CMMC, Town Clerk of Easton

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001**

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Saturday, September 15, 2001. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct 1 – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Robert McLaughlin; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Patricia Fruzzetti, Albert Becker, Joseph Quieto, Wilfred Roberge, Inspectors.

Precinct 2 – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; William MacMullen, Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, Joseph Camara, Judith Thomas, Eleanor Bridge, John Papineau, Inspectors.

Precinct 3 – Arlene Keach, Warden; Rena Salkovitz, Clerk; Beverly Hanson, Rose Furlong, Patricia Dooley, E. Pamela Corbett, Inspectors.

Precinct 4 – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert Leonard; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Evelyn Carlson, Barbara Walsh, Laetitia Tremblay, Catharine Becker, Lorraine Anderson, Ethel Gardner, Inspectors.

Precinct 5 – Beverly Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks; Helena Luxton, Clerk; E. Louise Vose, William McAndrews, Bennie Moore, Elizabeth Verity, Nicolina Previti, Evelyn Simpson, Louise Newman, Inspectors.

Precinct 6 – Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Estelle Blackman, Filimona Malcosky, Joan Hayward, Susan Henderson, Inspectors.

Election Results:

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Total Votes Cast:	984	1034	662	1132	1002	902	5716
The result of the Special Election was:							
QUESTION 1 - Municipal/School Operating Budget Override							
Yes	244	237	99	276	320	217	1393
No	733	792	559	849	679	684	4296
Blanks	7	5	4	7	3	1	27
Total	984	1034	662	1132	1002	902	5716
QUESTION 2 - Capital Budget Override							
Yes	193	192	107	234	256	203	1185
No	784	837	554	892	740	698	4505
Blanks	7	5	1	6	6	1	26
Total	984	1034	662	1132	1002	902	5716

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2001**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium in said Easton on Tuesday, the 9th day of October next, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

***SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2001***

Moderator Richard C. Dailey called the first Town Meeting of the 2002 Fiscal Year to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium with quorum present.

The following list of non-registered attendees was approved for admittance: DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Per Charter Section 2-4 Shall Attend Town Meeting): Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; D. Mark Trivett, Building Inspector; John J. Marsh, Water Superintendent. OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES: Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Ed. D., Assistant to Superintendent; Marilyn Gordon, School Business Manager; Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Donna Eno, School Department; Katherine Kelly, School Department; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Eric Davis, Data Processing; Joseph Pucillo, Water Department; Michael Mowatt, Recreation Department; William Groves, Central Maintenance Division; Paul O'Neill, Tree Warden; Donald Badger, Highway Division; Richard Meuda, Water Division. OTHERS: Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; James J. Hager, Supt. Southeastern Regional School District; Paul Boushell, Town Administrator, Tyngsboro; Cindy Olson, 25 Baldwin Street; Dave Karahalidis, Tom Foley and Scott O'Brien, ATS Audio Engineers. MEDIA: Easton Journal: Brock Parker; Media One: Robyn Souza; Enterprise: Ryan McLane. REPRESENTATIVES: State Senator Robert Creedon; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Senator JoAnn Sprague; State Representative David Flynn. MICROPHONE CARRIERS: Tim Arthur, Megan Campbell, Susan Comeaux, Tara Fisher, Diana Notartomaso, Tatiana Santos, Kenneth Sherman, Andrew Salisbury.

Board of Selectmen Chairman William D. Hardin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and in a moment of silence in memory of Joan Leedberg, Town Employee, and Rita Lincoln, long time Town Counsel's wife who recently passed away.

Moderator Dailey opened with a brief statement regarding differences and our commonality.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$589.66 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING BILLS INCURRED IN A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Article 5 of the March 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting and to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the sum total of \$90,000 to supplement the fiscal year 2002 Recreation budget in the amount of \$50,000 and the fiscal year 2002 Council on Aging budget in the amount of \$40,000, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$90,000 OF WHICH \$70,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM ARTICLE 5 OF THE MARCH 5, 2001 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND \$20,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH TO SUPPLEMENT THE FISCAL 2002 COUNCIL ON AGING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 AND THE FISCAL 2002 RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal 2002 budgets, or to take any other action relative thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$190,642 OF WHICH \$155,642 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH, \$25,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES ACCOUNT, \$5,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONSERVATION CHAPTER 227 FILING FEE ACCOUNT AND \$5,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONSERVATION WETLANDS REVOLVING FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUPPLEMENTING THE FISCAL 2002 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS AS FOLLOWS:

POLICE	\$ 5,733
FIRE	142,283
DPW ADMINISTRATION	5,402
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	10,000
PLANNING & ZONING	25,000
UNCLASSIFIED	2,224
TOTAL	\$190,642

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the School budget for the current fiscal year to pay the cost of unanticipated special education costs, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by School Committee)

*MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$100,143 TO SUPPLEMENT THE FISCAL 2002 SCHOOL BUDGET TO PAY THE COST OF UNANTICIPATED SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of salaries and expenses related to providing disaster relief services by Easton employees to the victims of the terrorist attacks which occurred on September 11, 2001, and for expenses related to Town observances conducted to memorialize the victims of those attacks, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*MOVED TO DISMISS ARTICLE 5. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate the unused balances of the following appropriations

	BALANCE
Article 26, Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, April 1996, DPW Highway: Sidewalk Repair/Construction: Old Farm Section III	\$ 6,413.17
Article 3, Annual Town Meeting, April 1998, Chapter 90 Town matching Funds	331.49
Article 27, Annual Town Meeting, April 1998, Employee Awards	5,600.00
Article 29, Annual Town Meeting, April 2000, Borrowing costs	21,076.59
Article 1, Special Town Meeting, September 2000, Town Administrator Severance	<u>96,609.30</u>
Total amount to be transferred	\$130,030.55

And to transfer this amount to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Finance Committee)

MOVED TO REAPPROPRIATE THE UNUSED BALANCES OF THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE STABILIZATION FUND:

Article 26, Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, April 1996, DPW Highway: Sidewalk Repair/Construction: Old Farm Section III	\$ 6,413.17
Article 3, Annual Town Meeting, April 1998, Chapter 90 Town matching Funds	331.49

Article 27, Annual Town Meeting, April 1998, Employee Awards	5,600.00
Article 29, Annual Town Meeting, April 2000, Borrowing costs	21,076.59
Article 1, Special Town Meeting, September 2000, Town Administrator Severance	<u>96,609.30</u>
Total amount to be transferred	\$130,030.55

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying the difference between the salary received by Town employees, and the salary received while on duty with the U. S. Armed Forces, during the period of time that they are activated for service during the Infinite Justice Operation, and any related military service during or thereafter said Operation, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO DISMISS ARTICLE 7. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend annual departmental appropriations as voted under Article 14 of the April 9, 2001 Annual Town Meeting by reducing funding from taxation in the amount of \$1,865,909 for the purpose of balancing the town's fiscal year 2002 budget as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATION	TA/SEL. RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATON	TOTAL REDUCTION
01-003	SELECTMEN	370,816	370,816	
01-007	TOWN COUNSEL	220,000	213,000	7,000
01-011	FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,500	4,500	
01-013	RESERVE FUND	50,000	50,000	
01-025	ACCOUNTANT	143,117	143,117	
01-029	ASSESSORS	182,565	177,565	5,000
01-033	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	304,991	297,991	7,000
01-039	TOWN CLERK	187,877	182,877	5,000
01-051	DATA PROCESSING	202,203	202,203	
01-063	PLANNING & ZONING	112,813	112,813	
01-101	POLICE	2,922,084	2,757,116	164,968
01-103	FIRE	2,277,266	1,882,088	395,178
01-104	AMBULANCE	314,040	314,040	

01-105	FIRE ALARM	26,200	26,200	
01-113	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	231,861	194,798	37,063
01-225	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	363,104	363,104	
01-300	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,473,458	2,166,163	307,295
01-487	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	34,423	34,423	
01-501	BOARD OF HEALTH	175,886	175,886	
01-531	COUNCIL ON AGING *	160,056	120,056	40,000
01-551	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	120,290	120,290	
01-600	RECREATION DEPARTMENT *	68,610	18,610	50,000
01-601	RECREATION – POOL	32,334	32,334	
01-625	LIBRARY	392,244	342,244	50,000
01-700	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	3,148,126	3,103,264	44,862
01-750	UNCLASSIFIED	5,124,824	5,064,939	59,885
61-500	WATER DIVISION	1,841,648	1,841,648	
	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	22,349,012	21,656,354	692,658
	TOTAL FY 2002 BUDGET	43,834,348	41,968,439	1,865,909

*RESTORATION OF FUNDS PROPOSED IN ARTICLE 2, \$40,000 TO COUNCIL ON AGING AND \$50,000 TO RECREATION.

MOVED TO AMEND ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AS VOTED UNDER ARTICLE 14 OF THE APRIL 9, 2001 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BY REDUCING FUNDING FROM TAXATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,865,909 FOR THE PURPOSE OF BALANCING THE TOWN'S FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APPROPRIATION	TA/SEL RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION	TOTAL REDUCTION
01-003	SELECTMEN	370,816	339,816	31,000
01-007	TOWN COUNSEL	220,000	173,000	47,000
01-011	FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,500	3,500	1,000
01-013	RESERVE FUND	50,000	50,000	
01-025	ACCOUNTANT	143,117	141,617	1,500
01-029	ASSESSORS	182,565	173,965	8,600
01-033	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	304,991	297,991	7,000
01-039	TOWN CLERK	187,877	182,877	5,000
01-051	DATA PROCESSING	202,203	197,203	5,000
01-063	PLANNING & ZONING	112,813	84,813	28,000
01-101	POLICE	2,922,084	2,789,211	132,873
01-103	FIRE	2,277,266	2,003,983	273,283
01-104	AMBULANCE	314,040	314,040	

01-105	FIRE ALARM	26,200	26,200	
01-113	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	231,861	194,798	37,063
01-225	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	363,104	363,104	
01-300	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,473,458	2,185,301	288,157
01-487	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	34,423	24,423	10,000
01-501	BOARD OF HEALTH	175,886	173,886	2,000
01-531	COUNCIL ON AGING *	160,056	112,523	47,533
01-551	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	120,290	120,290	
01-600	RECREATION DEPARTMENT *	68,610	-0-	68,610
01-601	RECREATION – POOL	32,334	32,334	
01-625	LIBRARY	392,244	352,244	40,000
01-700	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	3,148,126	3,103,264	44,862
01-750	UNCLASSIFIED	5,124,824	5,030,054	94,770
61-500	WATER DIVISION	1,841,648	1,841,648	
	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	22,349,012	21,656,354	692,658
	TOTAL FY 2002 BUDGET	43,834,348	41,968,439	1,865,909

During discussion of Article 8, Selectman Leo R. Harlow requested the following items: 1. Creative Task Force to research issues. 2. Research Non-Union By-Law impact on budget. 3. Submit an article to Town Meeting for a Charter Review Committee. 4. Impact of Salaries & benefits of elected officials. 5. Non-binding referendum questions for next spring's ballot. 6. "State of Town Meeting" in early spring. 7. Present Annual Town Report with the amount of monies paid to town employees. 8. Cafeteria-style override in future.

An amendment was made to reduce the Selectmen budget by \$83,770 to a total of \$114,770, eliminating the Assistant Town Administrator position, Out of Town Expense and Dues and Subscriptions. Amendment was **NOT A VOTE**.

The main motion under Article 8 was a **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the fiscal 2002 Veteran's budget to the fiscal 2002 Council on Aging budget, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

MOVED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE FISCAL 2002 VETERAN'S BUDGET THE SUM OF \$20,806 TO SUPPLEMENT THE FISCAL 2002 COUNCIL ON AGING BUDGET. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:37 p.m. Total voters present – 680.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/MMC, Town Clerk of Easton

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of September in the year Two Thousand and One.

William D. Hardin, Chairman
Jeffrey L. Tufts, Clerk
Patricia E. Webster
Carla A. Goodwin
Leo R. Harlow
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. September 25, 2001

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk of Easton

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Bristol, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Special State Election to vote at:

Precincts 2A & 4 – Easton Jr. High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue
Precinct 5 – Easton Baptist Church, 195 Bay Road
Precinct 6 – Easton Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Foundry Street

On **TUESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special State Election for the following office:

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of October, 2001.

William D. Hardin
Jeffrey L. Tufts
Carla A. Goodwin
Patricia E. Webster
Leo R. Harlow
SELECTMEN OF EASTON

Bristol ss. Easton, Mass. October 2, 2001

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk of Easton

SPECIAL STATE ELECTION
NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2001

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Tuesday, October 16, 2001. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct 2A – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Dorothy Conceison; Jean Harney, Clerk; William MacMullen, Irene Roberge, Virginia Sullivan, Joseph Camara, Inspectors.

Precinct 4 – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Robert Leonard, Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Lorraine Anderson, Barbara Walsh, Laetitia Tremblay, Catharine Becker, Inspectors.

Precinct 5 – Beverly Phillips, Warden; Blanche Hicks; E. Louise Vose, Deputy Clerk; William McAndrews, Elizabeth Verity, Louise Newman, Evelyn Simpson, Nicolina Previti, Inspectors.

Precinct 6 – Mary Norrman, Warden; Harvey Blackman; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Marilyn Williams, Estelle Blackman, Jean Fisher, William Sullivan, Filimona Malcosky, Clerk.

Election Results:

The number of ballots cast:					
(Bold Type = Winner in Easton)					
	Pct 2A	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
Votes Cast	90	329	348	283	1050
The result of the Election was:					
CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT (PCTS. 2A, 4, 5, 6)					
Stephen F. Lynch	24	123	119	113	379
JoAnn Sprague	64	194	223	166	647
Susan C. Gallagher-Long	1	4	2	1	8
Brock R. Satter	0	4	0	0	4
Write-in Cheryl Jacques	0	1	0	2	3
Write-in Marc Pacheco	0	1	0	0	1
Write-In Joe Moakley	1	0	0	0	1
Write-In Thomas MacDonald	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	2	3	1	6
Total	90	329	348	283	1050

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/A AE/CMMC, Town Clerk

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